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Oasis of peace breaks down Uprising in once-quiet Bayji disrupts U.S. rebuilding efforts

Under a sooty cloud from a nearby oil refinery, Sgt. Melvin Davis, 32, of Battery B of the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 1-7, surveys the empty main street of Bayji, Iraq. The street has been closed to Iraqli traffic during the day for the past several weeks since a violent uprising began in the city, including a car bombing that injured three U.S. soldiers. Troops say they can't understand why the people of Bayji side with the terrorists when Americans have built new builtings for them and given gifts to many of the city's children.

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#### States

Mount St. Helens: A 3.1-magnitude earthquake shook the crater at Mount St. Helens on Saturday, the strongest quake at the volcano since

mid-October. U.S. Geological Survey scientists said they do not believe a major eruption is immine iust a continuation of the minor ash and steam eruptions that have been occurring since the mountain reawakened this fall.

Scientists hoped good weather Sunday and Monday would allow them to get a better look at the volcano.

#### World

Russian school siege: The head of a parliamentary commission investigating September hostage siege at a school in southern Russia said there is evidence pointing to involvement by a foreign intelligence agency, the Interfax news agency reported Saturday.

The statement was the latest of several in which Russian officials and politicians have alleged that foreigners were involved in the Sept. 1-3 attack on a school in the southern town of Beslan, which ended in bloody chaos and left more than 330 people dead, many of them children.

Russian officials initially said the attackers killed at the school included nine or 10 Arabs, but they never provided any proof of that.

China airliner crash: Experts have decoded the flight recorders of an airliner that exploded and crashed into a lake in northern China, killing 55 people, but the cause of the accident remained unclear, according to official reports.

The flight data and cockpit voice record-

ers were pulled Wednesday from the icy lake near the city of Baotou where the China Eastern Airlines plane crashed Nov. 21 seconds after takeoff.Authorities have said they found no evidence of terrorism. All 47 passengers and six crew members aboard the Canadian-built Bombardier

CRJ-200 plane were killed. Two people were killed on the ground.

SARS vaccine test: Thirty-six Chinese volunteers participating in the world's first SARS human vaccine tests are "in good con-" the official Xinhua News Agency said Sunday

The volunteers were injected between May and August as part of China's aggressive research aimed at preventing a new outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, which first emerged in 2002 in the southern province of Guangdong.

It is too soon to tell if the vaccine is effective, Xinhua said, citing Dr. Zhong Nanshan, a SARS expert. He said test results will be released in January

Freed U.N. workers: Two U.N. workers who spent nearly a month in the hands of mysterious kidnappers flew out of Kabul, Af-ghanistan, on Sunday toward the warm wel-comes of relatives and friends in Northern Ireland and Kosovo.

Annetta Flanigan and Shqipe Hebibi,



Slain hunters: Mourners react Saturday as they watch hearses carrying the caskets of Rob ert and Joseph Crotteau pull away from St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rice Lake, Wis Robert Crotteau, 42, and his son, Joseph, 20, were two of six hunters shot and killed in northwestern Wisconsin on Nov. 21. Both were killed in a confrontation with another hunter. The funeral for another victim, Allan Laski, was held later Saturday. The man accused in the shootings, Chai Vang, 36, of St. Paul, Minn., remained in jail awaiting formal charges.

rapped in scarves against the morning chill, gave a last hug to colleagues before boarding a white United Nations plane and taking off for an undisclosed destination. They were the only passengers.

EU to aid Sudan: The European Union pledged humanitarian aid for Sudan on Sunday to help avert a "major food crisis" brewing in the troubled Darfur region due to continuing hostilities.

Newly appointed EU Commissioner

Louis Michel announced the aid in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum after touring Darfur, in the west of the country. In a statement released in Brussels, Bel-

gium, he also called for "all armed groups" to stop attacking civilians and "allow aid workers to do their difficult and vital job as safely as possible."

Mexico federal agent killings: Four federal police officers were suspended without pay as prosecutors investigate alleged police negligence in the vigilante killings of two federal agents this week, officials said Saturday

The two victims and a third agent, who survived, were photographing an elementa-ry school in San Juan Ixtayopan on Mexico City's southern outskirts for an anti-drug operation when they were mistaken for kidnappers Tuesday

The men were seized by an angry crowd and savagely beaten. Two of them were doused with paint thinner and set ablaze, and their deaths were captured on tape and repeatedly televised nationwide.

Equatorial Guinea coup plot: The British government was given details of an alleged plot to overthrow the government of Equatorial Guinea, including the names of mercenaries and the expected date of the attack,

months in advance, a newspaper reported Sunday

According to The Observer, two senior British intelligence officers were sent detailed reports in December 2003 and January 2004 by former South African special forces commander Johann Smith, who had learned of the plot.

The alleged plot was exposed in March by South African intelligence services

#### War on terrorism

Gitmo tribunals: Two alleged members of the ousted Taliban regime and a man accused of links to the al-Qaida network appeared Saturday before review tribunals at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, an official said.

All three men spoke at their hearings, but the military has provided no transcripts of statements made at the review tribunals. No names or nationalities were released.

French hostages in Iraq: Two French hostages held captive for more than 100 days appear to be alive and in good spirits, a British newspaper that received film footage of the men reported Sunday.

The Sunday Times said it had a CD-ROM recording in which Christian Chesnot says he and his fellow reporter Georges Malbrunot are being well treated by their captors "although their hospitality is not like a five-star hotel." The newspaper said it be-lieved the recording had been made earlier

The men disappeared Aug. 20 while driv-ing to the Iraqi city of Najaf. Their Syrian driver, Mohammed al-Joundi, also was captured but was rescued Nov. 11 by U.S. Marines sweeping Fallujah.

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## Belgium set for Bulge's 60th anniversary

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY Stars and Strines

As World War II 60th anniversary events go, next month's gathering in Bas togne, Belgium, will be the first major remembrance since June, when the D-Day landings in Normandy, France, were hon-

The events celebrating the Battle of the Bulge will include parachutes and parades, ceremonies and concerts, wreaths and fetes. Veterans of the famous battle are expected to turn out in droves, a rare event that will only get rarer as more and more of them pass on.

The 60th anniversary events will never, ever happen again," Army Lt. Col. Scott Glass said. "This is our last chance for very large groups of veterans coming to Belgium

Music will usher in the official ceremonies, scheduled for Dec. 16-19. The main events are slated for the final two days. Saturday and Sunday. Belgian King Albert II and other dignitaries are scheduled to attend the ceremonies

For seven successive days, beginning Dec. 10, the 76th U.S. Army Band from Mannheim, Germany, will perform con-certs in several Benelux towns, from Noville and Malmedy in Belgium to Brunssum, Netherlands, and Arlon on the Belgium-Luxembourg border.

The concert in Arlon is scheduled for Dec. 16, the start of the four-day remembrance. Prior to the concert, a ceremony will be held at the U.S. Cemetery in Hamm, Luxembourg.

Col. Dean Nowowiejski, commander of the 80th Area Support Group, which is active in the commemoration, suggested that interested soldiers attend at least one of the ceremonies and visit an American war cemetery. For young soldiers, especially those who have served in Iraq, the trip should hold even greater meaning, he said.

"It helps a troop understand that if you are lost on a battlefield, you won't be forgotten." Nowowieiski said

No matter which event a soldier attends "in the audience," he said, "you will have a lot of friends of America."

To this day, the people of the Benelux which includes Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg - have not forgotten the sacrifices the Americans made in liberating them from Nazi Germany.

The Battle of the Bulge actually encompassed a series of battles fought over several hundred miles between Dec. 16, 1944. and Jan. 25, 1945. More than 1 million combatants on both sides

> took part. U.S. forces suffered 19,000

deaths. While losses were high, the battle, which at first caught the Allies off guard, represented Germany's last major offensive of the war

"It was a hard fight," said Glass, who is director of plans, mobilization, training and security for the 80th ASG in

Chièvres, Belgium. For Glass and some other soldiers, the remembrance is also personal

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Glass said his father fought in the Battle of the Bulge as a member of the 87th Infantry Division. The elder Glass had planned to attend the commemoration, but he passed

away last month at the age of 81 Spc. Rebecca Jones, a communications specialist in Chièvres, recently learned her grandfather, Eugene Heugel, took part in the battle as well. Jones said visiting the Bastogne region, where the major battles occurred, left her with a greater respect for her grandfather and all the other men

who repulsed the German advance By visiting the battle sites, she said, "I can see it. I can feel it. I can stand in the same places as my grandfather did.'

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World War II veteran Jack Schwanhausser, left, president of the 104th Infantry Division Association, tells Lt. Col. Scott Glass of the 80th Area Support Group how three colonels from his division were killed at the same time. Glass met up with a tour of the 104th vets Oct. 21 at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Belgium where the officers are buried.

#### Battle of the Bulge 60th anniversary activities

■ 8:30 a.m. — Historical walk departing from Café L'Europa on McAuliffe Square
■ 10 a.m. — Parade through the city and wreath laying ceremony at (Brig. Gen. An-

thony) McAuliffe Square and Gen. George Patton's monument 

4 p.m. — Ceremony at the Mardasson Monument

■ 4:45 p.m. — The annual "Nuts Festival," which commemorates things - Brig. Gen. Anthony McAuliffe's famous "Nuts!" reply to the German surrender demand. The event takes place at the Bastogne town hall.

5:20-6:20 p.m. — Sound and Light Show downtown Bastogne. Concert by the 76th

Army Band at Bastogne follows.

Dec. 19

■ 10:30 a.m. — Commemorative ceremony at the Church of Noville (village close to

■ 11:30 a.m. and noon — Air Drop near the Mardasson Monument. Participating in the parachute drop will be four Battle of the Bulge veterans. ■ 3-5 p.m. — Parade of 300 vintage military vehicles through Bastogne.

## Aging bodies need fine-tuning for military duty

#### Individual Ready Reserve calling back at least 5,600

BY SUSANNE M. SCHAFER

The Associated Press

FORT JACKSON, S.C. - Chief Warrant Officer Margaret Murray, self-described as over 50," says her small frame and some old back pain made it difficult to fire her M-16 in a marksmanship refresher course "With my stature, it was a challenge,"

said the 4-foot-10, 95-pound, gray-haired personnel specialist from Schenectady, N.Y. "But I can hit the target now."

Murray is one of about 4,400 Army sol diers from the Individual Ready Reserve who completed their active-duty service but have been notified they must get back in uniform. Most likely, they are headed for Iraq or Afghanistan.

Ranging in age from 24 to 62, the returning soldiers bring valuable experience to the Army. But their advanced ages, weakened eyes and expanded waistlines mean doing things a bit differently.

"Old is the operative word. I joke my contingent just came from Fort Living Room," said Lt. Col. Douglas Snyder, commander of the training unit here. "They haven't run



Spc. Gwen Howard, left, makes her move Thursday as her teammates Spc. Shane Clinton, and Sgt. Matthew Booth, right, wait their turn during an urban assault training class at Fort Jackson, S.C. They are three of more than 4,400 one-time Army soldiers from the Individual Ready Reserve training for duty that will likely take them to Iraq or Afghanistan.

in two, four, six, maybe 10 years or more. And that goes for push-ups, too

One lieutenant colonel with bifocals had to switch from an M-16 to a 9 mm pistol to

qualify. The petite Murray learned to adjust her stance to fire her weapon.

"We don't give up on them. We haven't failed to qualify a single person," said Staff Sgt. Kenneth Calloway, an Army Reserve instructor. "We just give each individual a lot of time - and lots of ammunition."

Still, of the 1,100 ready reservists who have reported so far to Fort Jackson, the nation's largest training base, 325 were released from active duty, many for medical grounds such as bad knees, back pain or irregular heartbeats.

And not all the reservists have returned. Last month, the Army reported that more than 800 of the former soldiers had failed to comply orders to report for duty. Members of the Individual Ready Re-

serve were honorably discharged after finishing their active-duty tours - usually four to six years - but remained in the IRR for the rest of the eight-year commitment they made when they joined the Army.

In all, the Army has said it will involuntarily recall more than 5,600 of those soldiers. The last time these troops were called up was in 1990, when nearly 20,000 were mobilized. While not expected to join front-line com-

bat units, the returnees will fill jobs urgently needed such as engineers, vehicle maintenance workers and other support staff.
"My hat is off to these people," Calloway
said. "They may not have fired a weapon in

12 years, but they know they have to get back there for their own good as well as that of their fellow soldiers.

## **Aviation legend decides** to hang up wings, retire

#### Many help McNeal celebrate 35 years of service in Army

BY RICK EMERT Stars and Stripes

ILLESHEIM. Germany With nicknames like Bobby Mac and Mac Daddy, one might think that Chief Warrant Officer 5 Robert McNeal was an un-and-coming hip-hop artist.

But McNeal, who retires Jan 31, after 35 years of Army service, is an honest-to-God aviation legend, according to Col. George Bilafer, commander of the 11th

Aviation Regiment. "His entire career, he has been leading by example," Bilafer said, in remarks at McNeal's Nov. 5 retirement ceremony. The ceremony was held at the Illesheim theater to accommodate every one who attended — many flew in from the States, to bid farewell to McNeal. "He is the epitome of the warrant officer corps. Bobby is an absolute legend in Army avia-

McNeal began his career as a crew chief door gunner in 1966 in the Vietnam War. He went through flight school in 1969, joining a handful of black pilots, and returned to Vietnam in 1970 for a 19-month tour as an AH-1 Cobra

While racism was widespread in the civilian world in the early 1970s McNeal said he didn't en counter much in the Army — at least not as a pilot.

"When I was a crew chief. there was one guy in my unit who used the 'N-word' a lot around me," McNeal said. "He said he Spotlight



He flew 1,756 combat hours during his second stint in Viet-

"I was not afraid," McNeal said. "I thought I couldn't die." Then in Operation Junction City. in an area we thought was secure. I saw a guy on the ground with a weapon pointed at me. He fired, and I fired too late. I froze. The round stopped before it hit me, but it made me realize that I was

In the mid-1970s McNeal flew the first AH-64 Apache concept heliconter. He was one of 21 pilots selected to field the Apache helicopters, Bilafer said.

McNeal spent much of his career as a trainer of pilots, and, unofficially, a mentor.
"Bobby taught lieutenants and

captains what it took to be calm under fire," Bilafer said. Even during Operation Iraq Freedom I, McNeal was mentor-

ing young pilots. The Iraqis were fighting a lot like the Vietnamese did," McNeal said. "We saw a lot of things that I

experienced in Vietnam. I was able to help some of the younger guys in that way."

One of the soldiers he men-tored was Chief Warrant Officer 5 Leonard Eichhorn of Headquar-



service.

Warrant Officer 5 Robert McNeal McNeal is retiring from

Jan. 31 after 35 years of

Job: Airfield operations officer with 11th Aviation Regiment, Illesheim, Germany Age: 58

Family: Wife, Gina; daughters Miranda and Maritza

Hometown: Las Vegas

ters Company, 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

"He was one of the first guys I met in the Apache program back in 1986," Eichhorn said in an e-mail from Forward Operating Base Speicher, Iraq. "Even then he was one of the old guys, multiple tours in Vietnam. I always told him I was going to try and catch up to him. Making (chief warrant officer 5) only meant I'd caught up in rank I'll never catch

McNeal pinned on Eichhorn's chief warrant officer 5 rank on

him in experience

For the past four years, McNeal has been stationed at Illesheim, serving as the regiment's tactical operations officer, standards officer and most recently the airfield operations manager



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Robert "Bobby" McNeal, with hat, plays poker with fellow pilots during down time in Vietnam in the early 1970s. It was McNeal's second time to Vietnam, the first tour, as a door gunner the second, as a pilot.

The day before McNeal's retirement ceremony, he took his final flight, which also was his first in an AH-64D Apache Longbow. Afterward, soldiers from the regiment doused the runway with fire hoses and McNeal with cham-

Having spent nearly two-thirds of his life in an Army uniform, Mc-Neal has mixed feelings about let-

"When you get older, your re-flexes aren't as refined," McNeal said. "I knew this time had to

come, but I'm going to miss fly-But, he said, he'll cherish the friends he has made across the

"It's been a great career," Mc-Neal said. "I've reached my dream and made friends all over

the world. I feel truly blessed." Although he is retiring, his legacy in Army aviation will live on in the soldiers and pilots he has men-

"Army aviation is in good hands because (McNeal) has taught us what right looks like, Bilafer said.

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U.S. Army soldiers from IIlesheim, Germany, douse McNeal with champagne on Nov. 4 after his last flight. McNeal leaves active duty on Jan. 31.

#### Hohenfels blood drive A Landstuhl Regional Medical

Center team will be in Hohenfels, Germany, for a blood drive Dec 7-8. The drive takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the Community Activity Center and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 8 at the post gym. Anyone 18 or older who is eligi-

ble can donate. The blood collected through

the drive will be used for soldiers injured in Operation Iraqi Free dom. People ineligible to donate include: those suffering from a cold, flu or fever; anyone weighing less than 110 pounds; or anyone who was deployed to Afghani-

stan or Iraq in the past year.

To donate blood, people must have the following information: the name of any medication taken in the past four weeks; any immunizations received and dates administered; and every place visit-ed outside the United States or Canada since 1980 — including all deployments. For more information, call the Hohenfels Health Clinic at DSN 466-1750 or civilian 09472-83-1750

From staff reports

The Associated Press

LITTLE EGG HARBOR, N.J. - The night custodian was going about her rounds when she heard the patter of what sounded like footsteps on the roof of the Little Egg Harbor Intermediate School.

She thought someone might be running

atop the building, but police found nothing. The next morning, authorities realized what had made the sound: 20 mm rounds fired by a National Guard F-16 fighter on a nighttime training flight over a target range four miles

The incident has divided residents of the fast-growing region around the Warren Grove Gunnery Range - some fear for their safety, while others consider it profoundly unpatriot ic to question the military during a time of

"Had it missed the school and hit one of our houses, we'd be talking about dead bodies said Township Committeeman Arthur Midgley. "We can't have this. This must never happen again.'

But Terry Hickman, a 10-year Army Spe-

N.J. community divided over target range cial Forces veteran, defended the range and the pilots who train there.

"Let 'em alone; they're over there putting their lives on the line for us," Hickman said as he prepared to hunt deer in Bass River, near the edge of the range. "That guy [the pilot] probably feels so bad about this. He's probably going to get sent overseas and he might not even come back. As long as no one got hurt, this whole thing should just be forgot-

The National Guard is still investigating what it describes as an accidental release of gunfire. Results are expected in about two

According to the military, at 9:02 p.m. on Nov. 3, a veteran pilot from the 113th Wing of the District of Columbia National Guard, based at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, was streaking across the sky 7,000 feet above the 9,416-acre range, which abuts parts of Little Egg Harbor, Stafford, Tuckerton and

The pilot, a major whose name has not been released and who has been grounded pending the outcome of the inquiry, looked back over

his shoulder for a split second, just as the wing-mounted gun fired a burst of 27 rounds. The 20 mm cannon fires at a rate of about 6,000 rounds per minute. The lead rounds followed an arcing trajecto-

ry that brought them to the ground four miles away. Eight bullets punched through the roof of the school and at least one lodged in a child's desk

The pilot immediately radioed the tower that something had gone wrong and headed back to Andrews. The range is shut down until the investigation is completed.

The pilot's commander, Maj. Gen. David F. Wherley Jr., told reporters in Washington there were three possible explanations: plane malfunction, computer error or pilot error. When the range was opened in 1942 during World War II, there were 2,000 people living nearby; now there are more than 50,000

Lisamarie Saccomagno's daughter attends the school.

"Because we're at war now, I'm very sensitive to all the military's burdens," she said.
"We all want to be safe and secure. But we're also concerned about our children. I'm afraid something's going to go wrong. We really need to know where those bullets are going."



PHOTOS BY STEVE LIEWER/Stars and Stripes

Insurgents blew up the center support for this highway bridge near Forward Operating Base Summerall on Nov. 13, effectively cutting off a key military supply route. Engineers from the 216th Engineer Battalion of the Ohio National Guard have nearly completed a mile-long bypass around the bridge.

#### In new insurgent attacks, U.S. troops lose connection to once-peaceful city

BY STEVE LIEWER Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE

What in the world has gone wrong in Bayji?

By Iraqi standards, this crossroads cive to the standards, this crossroads cive used to 125,000 on the Baghdad-Mosul highway used to be peaceful. But military leaders worry that a spate of recent attacks have eroded months of U.S.

work to rebuild the region.

Attacks against U.S. forces averaged fewer than one a day in the 80-by-60-mile region around Bayji,

patrolled by the
1st Infantry Divi-

sion's Task Force 1-7. Then on Nov. 9, all hell broke

That day, insurgents attacked Task Force 1-7 patrols in several parts of the city at once and turned Bayji's main



main north-south artery, Highway 1, into a shooting gal-

There were no Ü.S. casualties, but about 25 enemy fighters died.

On Nov. 13, rebels blew up the center support of a crucial bridge along a city bypass near FOB Summerall, forcing convoys supplying the base to roll through the heart of the city. The next day, the rebels provoked another firefight that lasted all morning and caused more destruction to Bayil's

lery. The firefight lasted more than five hours.

business district.

And on Nov. 17, a suicide car bomber attacked an Army Bradley fighting vehicle, killing a dozen Iraqis and injuring more than 20 other people, including three U.S. soldiers.

"The last two weeks have been pretty intense," said 1st Sgt. Michael Grinston, 36, of Jasper, Ala, the senior noncommissioned officer in Task Force 1-7's Battery C. During the first three weeks of November, insur-

gents attacked coalition military or civilian targets 82 times in the Bayji region. That was more than double the previous record of 37 attacks, set in July and equaled in October.

Task force commanders were most surprised by a big jump in roadside bombs. Soldiers have gotten better at both finding them and protecting against them; they've defused nearly half of the 56 bombs discovered this month before they detonated, and injuries have been few.

Tactically, the Bayji battles have been a huge vic-



tory for the U.S. forces. No Americans have died, and only a few have suffered injuries, while dozens of insurgents have been killed.

But Lt. Col. Kyle McClelland, the task force commander, said the battles have eroded months of strategic progress in rebuilding Bayji — especially its downtown shopping thoroughfare, which Americans call Market Street — into a busy commercial hub.

He said the insurgents have staged most of their battles from the Market Street shops, because few Iraqis live there and American vehicles make easy targets on the narrow street.

#### SEE BAYJI ON PAGE 6





WAYNE SANDERS/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Top: An M1 tank from Battery C of the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 1-7 rolls down Highway 1, the main north-south street in Bayii, Iraq. The street has been shut to daytime traffic, except for U.S. supply convoys, because of rebel attacks in recent weeks. Above: Task Force 1-7 soldiers talk with Bayii shoykeepers. Lett 'Spc. Greg McMexpa, 23, front, and Sgt. Melvin Davis, 32, scan the Bayi skyline from the roof of the mayor's office. McMekelan and Davis are members of Company A of the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment from Schweinfurt. Germany. but are currently attached to Task Force 1-7.

## Bayji: Setback for efforts

The fighting has left the down-town in ruins. Those shops not shattered by rockets and gunfire now rarely open up for business Since the car bombing, McClelland has shut down traffic on Highway 1 from early morning until late afternoon each day so U.S. supply convoys can get through safely.

"You're not winning the hearts and minds of anybody this way,"
McClelland, 41, of Chicopee,
Mass., said sadly. "All the work
we've accomplished in nine months was basically destroyed in two days

McClelland's troops are working to restore some semblance of normalcy to the strategic city, which is home to Iraq's largest oil-refinery and two major power plants that together generate about one-third of the country's

meager power supply.
First Lt. Mark Dilts, 31, is supervising a 22-member team of Ohio National Guardsmen from the 216th Engineer Battalion that is building a gravel bypass road around the bombed-out bridge. His soldiers and 10 pieces of heavy equipment have worked sunup to sundown each day. spreading rock and constructing a new railroad crossing while Task Force 1-7 soldiers guard them from attack.

'It's almost a mile of road that we've built," Dilts said.
The road, which Dilts hopes to

have open in a few days, would let trucks bypass the city again and open Bayji's main road to traffic. Like all military units in Iraq

Task Force 1-7 has funded construction of schools and medical clinics in the city. On Thursday, soldiers placed concrete barricades in front of the showpiece project, a gleaming, new \$700,000 Two new turbines also are

being installed at one of the power plants, which should begin boosting the country's electrical capacity before the end of the year, according to a 1st ID news release "For the most part, we are mak-

ing forward progress. We meet roadblocks, and we overcome them." McClelland said. "We'll leave [Bayji] better than we found it."

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HENRY BYARD/Courtesy of the U.S. An

Left: Capt. Deric Holbrook of Task Force 1-7 emerges from the rubble of a burned-out building on Bayji's Market Street. The Iraqi city's business district was destroyed during firefights between U.S. Army troops and local insurgents Nov. 9 and Nov. 14.

Above: A fuel tanker burns in downtown Bayji during a firefight Nov. 9 between U.S. forces from the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 1-7 and Iraqi insurgents. A tank shot a rocket at the fuel tanker because rebels were using it as cover.

#### 'The whole city, from every side, was fighting

Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SUM-MERALL, Iraq — Guerrillas hiding in "gaso-line alley," a fuel and maintenance district on the city's south edge, opened fire on Staff

Sgt. James Tucker's pla toon with grenades and AK-47s as it left Bayji around midday Nov. after a quiet, three-hour patrol.

Tucker's men — from Task Force 1-7, based at nearby FOB Summerall jumped out and flanked the insurgents while gunners laid down cover fire with .50-calimachine guns

When they'd killed or driven off the gunmen, they discovered nine homemade bombs and some rocket-propelled grenades.

"They were setting up for an attack," said Tucker, 30, of Tulare, Calif. "It could have

been a lot worse. Within a few minutes of that encounter

U.S. and Iraqi troops in several parts of the city came under fire. U.S. patrols and convoys dodged heavy gunfire all the way down Highway 1, the main north-south thoroughfare in Bayji, a city of 125,000 people.

"There was so much gunfire, we couldn't

get through," said Staff Sgt. Kelvin Manning, 29, of Valdosta, Ga., a platoon sergeant in the unit's Battery C. "Pretty much the whole city, from every side, was fighting."

For most Task Force 1-7 troops who were

here, it was the longest, fiercest gunbattle they'd seen during nine months in Iraq.

'[Nov. 9] was the first time in a long time we've had a straight-up fight," said Sgt. Melvin Davis of the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, currently as signed to Task Force

"Usually [the rebels] just take off running, said Spc. Greg McMee kan, 23, of Kalamazoo, Mich., one of Davis' sol-diers. "This time, hell

no, they stood their ground." Task Force 1-7 combat platoons ran a gantlet of rifle fire to take up positions at the police station and city hall, both on Highway 1. Tanks and Bradleys headed down "Market Street," the city's chief shopping area and the insurgents' favorite spot for mounting at-

The armored vehicles blasted away at nests of rebels, inflicting heavy damage on the neighborhood.

'We destroyed a lot of the buildings, the places where they fight," said Capt. Michael

At one point, insurgents were firing at U.S. and Iraqi positions from behind a fuel truck on Highway 1. After getting permission from his commander, Tucker fired an AT4 rocket at the tanker.

It exploded in an enormous fireball that

was visible for miles "It was like a nuclear bomb," said Davis,

of Houston.

McMeekan, on the police department roof-top 500 meters away, said he had to turn his head away from the intense heat.

"I don't know what happened to those [in-surgents]," Tucker said, "but they weren't Late in the day, the opposition vanished into the city. Task Force 1-7 counted at least

20 enemy dead and left the downtown in Soldiers can't figure out why the people in

Bayji side with the terrorists when the Americans have built new buildings for them and given out toys and school supplies to many of the city's children.

You hope they'll become frustrated with the [insurgents], but they're intimidated, too," Byard said. "Why do they always attack the people who are trying to help them?"

"We tried to start out as humanitarians," said Tucker, who has been nominated for a Bronze Star with Valor for his actions Nov. 9. "We tell these people, 'we want to help but you have to help us.' "

#### Marines take a methodical approach south of Baghdad has involved few firefights. It con-

BY JACKIE SPINNER The Washington Post

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq — Through the scattered towns and along the dangerous roads of an area that one commander described as "kind of like the worst place in the world," U.S. Marines, British soldiers and Iraqi security forces are waging an offensive they say is vastly different from the urban warfare waged elsewhere in Iraq in recent weeks.

Unlike the massive military push into the former insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, or similar assaults on Samarra or Mosul, the operation here in Babil province

sists mostly of gathering intelli-gence and launching raids on homes and suspected weapons caches. Insurgents here are not clustered in urban neighborhoods but scattered over wide areas of what many Iraqis call the "triangle of death

"We have to go out and hunt them down," said Col. Ron Johnson, commander of the 24th Marine Expeditionary which is conducting Operation Plymouth Rock, so called because it started around Thanksgiving.

Since Tuesday, a combined force of more than 5.000 U.S., British and Iraqi troops has mounted

dad that resulted in the detention of more than 130 people. Most recently, the troops have targeted the dusty town of Yusufiyah, where 856 projectiles were dis-covered, the U.S. military said.

Officers say those numbers do not reflect the actual scope of the operation. U.S. military officials estimate that they could be fighting as many as 6,000 insurgents in the region, most of them disgruntled and unemployed local residents. Among them are said to be former members of the Republican Guard, a key element of Saddam Hussein's disbanded Iraqi military.

Johnson said the strategic im-

portance of northern Babil stems from its geographic location along major transportation arter-ies that link Baghdad with southern Iraq and also extend west to Fallujah and beyond. "It's a natural line of drift" for insurgents, he

Military officials in Babil said they have seen an influx of fight-ers and weapons since the Fallu-jah offensive. Maj. Clint Nussberger, the intelligence officer for the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, said many of the insurgents were locals who went to Fallujah to fight and then came back. He estimated that between 200 and 500 such fighters returned to the area "with more skills than when

Johnson said the U.S.-led force would take a methodical approach to wiping out the insurgen-cy in north Babil.

Last month, a platoon of Marines and Iraqi National Guardsmen established a new police station in a government building on the southern edge of Latifivah. Although they acknowledged that they did not control the town, U.S. military officials said they would ultimately take it back from the in-

"I could take Latifiyah in an afternoon, but why am I going to kill innocent civilians?" Johnson

Special correspondent Omar Fekeiki contributed to this report.



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## Al-Zarqawi's group claims killings in Mosul

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Iraq's most feared terror group claimed responsibility Sunday for slaughtering members of the Iraqi security forces in Mosul — where dozens of bodies have been found

The claim raises fears the terror group has expanded to the north after the loss of its purported base in Fallujah.

Meanwhile, insurgents staged attacks Sunday against U.S. and Iraqi targets in Baghdad and in Sunni Arab areas, underscoring the risks of holding national elec-

Two U.S. soldiers were injured in a Baghdad attack, and another American soldier died Sunday in a traffic accident north of the capital, the military said.

U.S. and Iraqi forces killed 17 suspected insurgents in raids south of the capital Sunday, Iraqi police said. Operations there included a dawn speedboat assault by U.S. Marines, British and Iraqi oops on suspected insurgent hide-outs along the Euphrates River, British media reported

A statement posted on an Islamist Web site in the name of al-Qaida in Iraq, led by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musah al-Zarqawi, claimed responsibility for killing 17 members of Iraq's security forces and a Kurdish militiaman in Mosul, where insurgents rose up this month in support of guerrillas facing a U.S.-led assault in Fallujah.

The claim could not be indepen dently verified but the style of writing appeared similar to other statements by al-Zargawi's group, which is responsible for numerous car bombings and be headings of foreign hostages in

At least 50 people have been killed in Mosul in the past 10 days. Most of the victims are believed to have been supporters of Iraq's interim government or members of its fledgling security forces.

Separately, al-Zarqawi's group claimed it detonated a car bomb near a U.S. military convoy in the Hamam al-Alil area, near Mosul.

It said the blast destroyed an armored vehicle and damaged an-

Although the claims could not be verified, they raised fears that al-Zarqawi's organization spread to Mosul, Iraq's third largest city 225 miles north of Baghdad. At least 43 suspected insurgents have been arrested as part of an ongoing operation to re-establish control of Mosul, a military statement said.

Al-Zarqawi's group, formerly known as Tawhid and Jihad, was believed to have been headquartered in Fallujah, the Sunni Arab insurgent bastion 40 miles west of Baghdad, before U.S. and Iraqi forces overran the city this month

Al-Zargawi and the city's two major Iraqi insurgent leaders. Sheik Abdullah al-Janabi and Omar Hadid, apparently escaped the onslaught and remain at large. Before the assault, U.S. inGI killed in traffic accident; 2 others hurt in attack posal has been rejected by the government and influential Shitte

telligence officers have speculated that al-Zargawi would try to relocate to Mosul if he lost his base in Fallujah.

U.S. and Iraqi officials launched the offensive against Falluiah in hopes of pacifying Sunni areas north and west of the capital so that elections could be held there Jan. 30. Iragis will select a national assembly in the first election since the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime in

However, Sunni clerics have called for a boycott of the election to protest the Fallujah assault and the continued U.S. military presence. Sunni politicians called for postponing the ballot for six months, although the pro-

government and influential Shiite clerical leadership.

Elsewhere, a car bomb killed six people and injured five others in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad. The blast occurred as a minibus drove past a school, police Maj. Qahtan Mohammed said. All the casualties were passengers in the minibus, he said.



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#### U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Saturday at least 1,236 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 961 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said.

The figures include three mili-

tary civilians. The AP count is six higher than the Defense Department's tally, which was last updated Wednesday at 10 a.m. EDT.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,098 U.S. military members have died, ac-cording to AP's count. That includes at least 852 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numThe latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A U.S. soldier was killed Saturday when a roadside bomb ex-ploded near a patrol north of Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Marine Pfc. Ryan J. Can-22, Beaver Dam, Wis.; killed Thursday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to the Re-serve's 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Divi-

sion, Chicago ■ Marine Sgt. Benjamin C. Edinger, 24, Green Bay, Wis.; died Tuesday at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., from injuries received Nov. 14 in Iraq's Anbar province: assigned to 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, II Ma-Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

## Shiite split could threaten dominance in Iraq election

BY HAMZA HENDAWI

The Associated Pres

BAGHDAD - As Iraq's Sunni Muslims ponder boycotting the Jan. 30 election and some press for a delay, the majority Shiite Muslims face another threat to their expected victory: a split in Shiite ranks that could cost them the chance to dominate the next parliament.

Separate candidate lists are being compiled by aides to President Ghazi al-Yawer and Prime Minister Avad Allawi — drawing Shiites away from the ticket that the country's top Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani is overseeing, according to well-connected Shiite figures.

The chairman of Iraq's elections commission told The Associated Press that last week's international conference on Iraq has strengthened the government's resolve to hold the election on time.

Abdul-Hussein Hendawi also said demands that the vote be postponed could be met only if political consensus is found, since the country had no legislature to adopt such a move.

For Iraq's Shiites — about 60 percent of the population — the vote could herald an end to centuries of oppression at the hands of Sunni Arabs, a minority that enjoyed the backing of former Ottoman and British colonial masters and, until last year, Saddam

Hussein's patronage.

Voters will choose a 275-member assembly that. among other things, will draw up a permanent con-stitution. If adopted in a nationwide referendum, the document would serve as basis for another general election by December 2005.

With so much riding on the election, al-Sistani has been working to unite the Shiites ahead of the vote to ensure victory. The Iranian-born cleric is overseeing the work of top aides seeking to compile a 165-candidate list that would be put to the voters na-

Under an election law adopted this year, there will be no electoral boundaries for the January vote. with the entire country treated as a single constitu ency. A system of proportional representation will be applicable, with voters asked to cast ballots for indent candidates or slates of at least 12 candi-

But al-Sistani's efforts to persuade Allawi to join his ticket have so far failed, according to people close to the Shiite cleric.

Allawi, a secular Shiite, remains adamant to go it alone with his own list of candidates, even after al-Sistani recently sent a top Shiite politician to try The Shiite insiders, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Allawi's refusal may in part be because

is rival, senior Shiite politician Ahmad Chalabi of the Iraq National Congress, is on al-Sistani's ticket. Another reason could be that the prime minister is trying to cultivate an image as a national, rather than sectarian, leader to win support outside Shiite

The Shiite insiders said they could not rule out a change of heart by Allawi, whose Iraq National Ac-cord includes both Shiites and Sunni Arabs, as well as Kurds and former members of Saddam's Baath

"At the end, he may feel the need for al-Sistani's support," said one Shiite familiar with the meeting between the prime minister and al-Sistani's envoy. "But right now, he's riding on a series of diplomatic and military victories against his critics and might be playing hard to get in the hope of winning conces-

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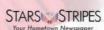
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#### IN THE STATES

## Storm strands thousands at Nevada airport



Jim Dias, of Livermore, Calif., right, walks through the snow Saturday with his friend, Chantal Vanrooyen of South Africa, on a downtown street in Reno, Nev. A storm system dumped up to 18 inches of snow on the area, leaving thousands of holiday travelers stranded.

#### Officials blame Reno shutdown on broken FAA equipment

BY MARTIN GRIFFITH The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Thousands of passengers were grounded during a snowstorm at Reno-Tahoe International Airport on its busiest weekend of the year. At nearby Lake Tahoe and elsewhere in the Sierra Nevada, the storm dumped up to 18 inches of snow and delayed thousands of Thanksgiving holiday motorists heading over mountain passes.

Sixty-nine flights at the airport were canceled or delayed during a seven-hour period Saturday after a malfunction in equipment used to guide pilots when visibility is poor, spokesman Brian Kulpin said.

erated by the Federal Aviation Administration, which fixed the problem after the storm had left up to 6 inches of snow in Reno. Travelers were urged to contact their airlines before

The instrument landing

system is maintained and op-

contact their airlines before heading to the airport because delays were expected to continue. Kulpin said some passengers might not be able to get a flight from Reno until Tuesday be-

cause flights are booked solid Sunday and Monday.
"This has such a ripple effect throughout the system," Kulpin said. "It has impacts on other airports because there are people stranded at other air-

The Sunday after Thanksgiving traditionally is the airport's busiest day of the year, with about 10,000 passengers using the facility. Kulpin said airport officials were livid because it was the second time this month the instrument land-

ing system malfunctioned during a storm.
"This is an awful way to treat the flying public and it's all because of the FAA," he said.
FAA spokesman Allen Kenitzer in Seattle said a

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Brian Kulpin
Reno-Tahoe International Airport spokesman

44 This is an awful way

combination of bad weather and equipment failure caused the FAA to suspend flights in and out of the airport.

The cause of the equipment failure is under investigation, but it appears a heavy buildup of snow on an antenna contributed to it, he said. The storm restricted departures by causing planes to have to undergo deicing, he added.

"Believe me, we understand the people's frustrations and we appreciate their cooperation during the delay," Kenitzer said.

"But safety is our number one priority and safety was never compromised during this time."

The storm also caused problems on the highways. Authorities reported more than 100 minor traffic accidents in the Reno-Tahoe area, and said a stalled bus on Interstate 80 near Truckee, Calif., backed up east-

FAA. 77

Brian Kulpin
al Airport spokesman
customers without power; including 6.700 in Oak-

land and Berkeley, and 2,100 in Carmel.
Sierra Pacific Power Co. officials reported small, scattered outages affecting hundreds of customers in the Reno-Tahoe area.

In Southern California, the storm brought less than a quarter-inch of rain in most areas but was blamed for one death. A car ran into a tree that was toppled by gusting winds in Lancaster north of Los Angeles, Killing the driver and injuring a 16-year-old passenger, according to the Los Angeles County Sherrifs Department.

Meanwhile, in Ontario, the driver of a tractor-trailer was killed when he lost control of the vehicle in the rain, plunging over the side of a highway, according to the California Highway Patrol.



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# Senator: Intel bill needs Bush pressure to pass

BY JENNIFER C. KERR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The fate of an overhaul of U.S. intelligence agencies rests with President Bush, who must exert more pressure on holdout Republicans if he wants compromise legislation to pass this year, a lead Senate negotiator said Sunday.

"If the president of the United States wants this bill, as commander in chief in the middle of a war, I cannot believe Republicans in the House are going to stop him from getting it," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., on ABC's "This Week."

But two powerful opponents of the deal, GOP Reps. Duncan Hunter of California and James Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, are

Rice confirmation hearings delayed

WASHINGTON - At the White House's request

confirmation hearings for Condoleezza Rice as secre-

tary of state will not begin until Congress recon-

venes in January, the chairman of the Senate For-

When President Bush nominated his national security adviser to replace Colin Powell at the State De-

partment, Sen. Richard Lugar said he would try to

eign Relations Committee said Sunday.

showing no signs of wavering on a measure intended to put in place recommendations from the Sept. 11 commission.

Hunter, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, has expressed concerns that the intelligence realignment could interfere with the military chain of command

Sensenbrenner, head of the House Judiciary Committee, wants the bill to deal with illegal immigration.

The chairman of the Sept. 11 commission, Thomas Kean, said separate legislation, debated at a later time, could address those concerns.

Kean, a former Republican governor from New Jersey, joined with Lieberman in urging Bush to press harder for passage.

being approved.

From The Associated Press

With the overhaul stalled after months of negotiations, the crucial question "is whether it will pass now or after a second attack," Kean said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The legislation passed the Senate almost unanimously, but House Speaker Dennis Hastert pulled the bill from consideration following objections from Hunter and Sensenbrenner just before the House adjourned for Thanks-

If lawmakers fail to pass an overhaul this year, they will have to start from scratch next year. With a new Congress taking office in January, bills that failed to pass in the current session expire and new lawmakers and committee leaders would have to consider any new legislation.

bring his committee together in the first week of De-

support in the Senate and will have no difficulty

ered early hearings inappropriate. The resignation

of the 67-year-old Powell was presented as part of an overhaul of Bush's cabinet for his second term.

He predicted Rice's nomination will draw strong

Lugar did not say why the White House consid-

cember to begin the Senate confirmation process.



The Athos I tanker is shown Saturday between a dry dock station, listing on the Delaware River near Paulsboro, N.J. The tanker spilled 30,000 gallons of heavy crude oil into the Delaware River between Philadelphia and southern New Jersev on Fridav.

#### Tanker spills crude oil in Delaware River

BY MICHAEL RUBINKAM

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A tanker spilled 30,000 gallons of crude oil into the Delaware River between Philadelphia and southern New Jersey, creating a 20-mile-long slick that killed dozens of birds and threatened other wildlife, federal officials said Saturday.

Private contractors were called in to skim oil from the surface of the water and place thousands of feet of boom to contain the floating click.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials said 50 birds were dead from the spill and 300 others were affected; fish also were threatened. A stretch of the busy river was closed to commercial and rec-

reational traffic while the spill was being cleaned up.

Two tugboats were guiding the ship to a pier Friday night when a tugboat skipper noticed the spill, said Coast Guard Capt. Jonathan Sarubbi, officer in charge of the Port of Philadelphia.

The crew notified the Coast Guard and began transferring oil from the leaking tank to another tank on board. The leak was stopped within an hour.

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The cause of the spill was still under investigation, Sarubbi said.

The tanker, the Athos I, regis-

tered in the Mediterranean island nation of Cyprus, was carrying 325,000 barrels of oil from Venezuela, said Jim Lawrence, a spokesman for the vessel's owner, Greek shipping company Tsakos Shipping and Trading SA.

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## Md. governor bans officials from speaking to reporters

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Maryland's governor says his order that state officials stop speaking with two reporters for The (Baltimore) Sun was "meant to have a chilling effect" on two writers he believes "have no credibility."

The ban was intended to set a benchmark for the minimum level of accuracy expected of newspaper coverage of his administration, Gov. Robert Ehrlich said in an interview on WBAL radio.

"At what point does a monopoly newspaper abuse its privilege, in its First Amendment privilege, in making things up, making quotes up, making context up?" the first-term Republican governor said Friday. "I just said this is our minimum benchmark."

Sun attorney Stephanie Abrutyn said the newspaper disagrees with Ehrlich's description of the two reporters' credibility and called his explanation of the ban "troubling."

On Nov. 18, the governor's press office sent a memo to all state public information officers ordering that no one in the executive department and state agencies speak with Sun State House Bureau Chief David Nitkin or columnist Michael Olesker, noting two instances in which the governor's staff believed Nitkin and Olesker were unfair in their cov-

erage.

In a column, Olesker wrote that
the governor's communications
director, Paul Schurick, struggled 'mightily to keep a straight
face' at a hearing when saying
that political gain was "not a consideration" in making state tourism commercials that feature the
governor.

The governor's staff complained that Olesker didn't attend the hearing and couldn't have known the expression on Schurick's face.

Olesker said the reference was intended to be read metaphorically, not literally.

The second complaint involved a map the Sun published of state land the Ehrlich administration was considering selling. The map incorrectly highlighted all 450,000 acres of state-owned preservation land. A correction ran in

the next day's newspaper.

## Missing pilot found in Alaska after 5 days

plenty of food, water and other

provisions and was staying inside

a cabin. Wind and approaching

from picking Holman up Satur-

rescuers

darkness prevented

BY RACHEL D'ORO

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A pilot missing since Monday was found alive Saturday afternoon in a remote southern Alaska bay, in good shape and upbeat spirits, the Alaska National Guard said.

Michael Holman was spotted by Coast Guard crew members in a C-130 transport plane during a training exercise near Homer, said Maj. Chris Kobi, with the National Guard's Rescue Coordination Center. The crew picked up a distress call the 46-year-old pilot made through his hand-held marine hand radio

The crew was able to see a bonfire Holman built at Dogfish Bay, about 15 miles from Seldovia. He was outside the 4,000-squaremile area where searchers, hindered by wind, snow, rain and fog, had been looking for him.

day, the National Guard planned to take him to Anchorage on Sunday.

"I've been saying all along we had to be optimistic," Kobi said. "So many of these cases have very, very strange outcomes, you just can't write them off."

Since Holman, of Wasilla, has not been personally interviewed, Guard officials said details remained sketchy about the chain of events since he flew out from Palmer on Monday, headed for Seldovia

They weren't sure about the fate of his Maule ML-7 aircraft, though additional reports said that for some reason the plane washed out or was destroyed,

Kobi esio

Searchers always held out hope for Holman, an experienced pilot who has flown for United Airlines and who had survival gear on

"Once again, fact is better than fiction," National Guard Maj. Mike Haller said. "Another Alaskan walks away from a serious incident and survives to see his family and hug them again another

## Boston Zoo shows off 3-day-old gorilla

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this baby since

it was born.

BY THEO EMERY
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Dozens of people crowded into the Franklin Park Zoo's indoor "tropical forest" on Saturday for the debut of its newest celebrity resi-

Saturday for the debut of its newest celebrity resident: a tiny, 3-day-old, western lowland goril-

Kiki the gorilla ambled from her nighttime quarters with her 4-pound baby tucked under her arm, as the

crowds rushed from window to window to follow her movements. She eventually settled into a bed of straw, nibbling carrots, before laying down for a nap with the baby cradled in her arm. The baby does not have a name

yet. Its gender will not be known for several months until zoo officials can examine it without upsetting Kiki, said John Linehan, the zoo's president

and CEO. "Kiki has just hugged onto this

baby since it was born. Since the moment we saw it, we haven't seen her put it

John Linehan
Zoo's president and CEO
seen her put it down. She's protective of it, she holds it close.

holds it close, sometimes she stays away from us. She just seems to be reveling in motherhood," Linehan said.

Zoos have become adept at successfully breeding captive gorillas. Linehan said the zoo's newest gorilla will be an important learning experience for the six other gorillas at the facility, and for visting children who can follow the primate's progress.



Kiki, a western lowland gorilla, cradles her 3-day-old baby at the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston on Saturday. The baby, fathered by zoo resident Kitombe, hasn't been named yet because it can take a couple of months before the gender of a baby gorilla can be determined.

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## Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

#### Stay safe when traveling

he Associated Press

It's the season of holiday travel, hectic year-end business trips and cheap fares to Europe—all of which can mean long flights and potential health considerations.

Among the most worrisome is deep-vein thrombosis, the potentially fatal blood clotting — also known as "economy-class syndrome" — that can occur when sitting immobile for long periods.

The clots can then break off and travel to the lungs, blocking a blood vessel there.

The December issue of Consumer Reports on Health, offers some tips to help avoid this mala-

There are some who are con-

sidered high-risk for thrombosis: pregnant women, those who have given birth recently or take birth control pills, people who have had surgery recently, smokers, the obese, those with varicose veins or swelling of the feet or legs and people with a history of blood-related cancers or heart disease.

Yet there are precautions you can take. Don't wear tight clothes on a long flight. Drink plenty of nonalcoholic beverages during and after your flight, stretch your calf muscles in your seat and take a trip up and down the aisles every hour.

Also, carry your own bottled water. Busy attendants on packed flights may not be able to come round as often as needed to stave off dehydration.

## Shoppers treated after pepper spray incident

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Police were reviewing video camera footage to find out who discharged pepper spray inside an ele-

spray inside an eievator at Toys R
Us' crowded flagship store, sending at least three
people to the hospital, authorities

Teresa Cassello
shooper

Saturday afternoon's incident also left others with irritated eyes at the toy chain's Times Square store during the busy shopping weekend.

"I immediately could not breathe," Teresa Cassello told WNBC.

"I said 'I have to get out of here 'cause I'm choking,' but there were so many people behind me that I couldn't get out."

It was unclear how many shop

pers were affected. Firefighter Kevin Nolan said five people were taken to St. Vincent's Hospi-

m Nolan said five people
e taken to St. Vincent's Hospital and 17 others
were treated at
the scene or re-

the scene or refused medical attention. Police said three people were taken to St. Vincent's and nine refused medical attention.

Two people were released from the hospital within hours while one remained for further treatment, hospital officials said.

Susan McLaughlin, a spokeswoman for Toys R Us, said the incident was under investigation but declined to elaborate. "We are cooperating fully with the police," she said.

The 110,000-square-foot store, which opened in 2001, features an 60-foot indoor Ferris wheel.

#### IN THE WORLD

## **Diplomats: Iran OKs nuke deal**

#### Nation drops demand to exclude centrifuges from full nuclear freeze

BY GEORGE JAHN The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria - Iran agreed Sunday not to test any centrifuges as part of a total suspension of nuclear activities that can yield weapons-grade uranium, in what dip-lomats described as an apparent about-face to avoid possible U.N. Security Council sanctions.

Diplomats, from the European Union and elsewhere, said the commitment, sent by letter to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, appeared to fulfill de-mands that Tehran include centrifuges in its total suspension of uranium-enrichment programs.

If it does, that would end a dispute that had threatened to escalate into possible referral of Iran to the U.N. Security Council for defying the agency

An official from one of the countries on the 35-nation IAEA board was cautious, saying Iran in the past had insisted that "testing" centrifuges meant introducing urani-um gas into them for enrichment. France, Germany and Britain — which worked out the Nov. 7 deal with Iran on suspension say the freeze prohibits the Iranians running the centrifuges for any purpose.

A senior diplomat with nuclear expertise told The Associated Press the Iranian pledge appeared to contain no pitfalls and seemed to meet the European demands for 44 Referral to the U.N. Security Council would not be the end of the world.

Hamid Reza Asefi

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman

But it came with strings attached - a demand that France, Germany and Britain further water down the language of a draft resolution they wrote for adoption by the board of the IAEA on ways of policing the suspension, he said.

The letter was received by the IAEA the U.N. nuclear agency - less than a day before its board was scheduled to reconvene in Vienna amid a building crisis on the issue of enrichment suspension.

The meeting was adjourned in disarray Friday. The pause was meant to give time for the Iranian government to approve a total freeze of its program, which can produce both low-grade nuclear fuel and weapons-grade material for the core of nuclear warheads

Delegates were also to decide on further steps in policing Tehran's nuclear activi-

The dispute about what constituted full suspension had dominated the meeting.

**Family** 

Iranian officials had suggested the issue was not up for debate only hours before de-tails emerged of their letter to the agency.

"Referral to the U.N. Security Council would not be the end of the world," For-eign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi told reporters in Tehran earlier Sunday - alluding to the possibility that the board would ask for Security Council involvement unless Iran accepted a total suspension that included the centrifuges.

The Europeans say the deal committed Iran to full suspension of enrichment and all related activities — at least while the two sides discuss a pact meant to provide Iran with EU technical and economic aid and other concessions.

But Iran came to Thursday's opening day of the IAEA meeting with demands that it be allowed to run the 20 centrifuges which can spin gas into enriched uranium

for research purposes. Iran's letter came after weekend talks on the dispute between British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw and Hassan Rowhani, secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council and his country's point man on nu-

As the clock ticked down to Monday, EU officials and delegates spoke of the growing likelihood of tough action at the board meeting if Iran remained defiant - including the start of work on a harsh resolution that could include the threat of U.N. Security Council action

#### Rebels wanted to kill Bush. Colombia says

BY ANDREW SELSKY The Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia - Colombia's main rebel group asked followers to mount an assassination attempt against President Bush during his visit to Co lombia last week, Defense Minister Jorge Uribe said. There was no evidence Saturday that rebels even tried to organize such an attack.

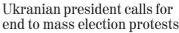
Uribe told reporters late Friday that informants said the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as the FARC, told followers to attack Bush during his four-hour visit in the seaside city of Cartagena last Monday, where he met with Colombian President Alvaro Uribe

The defense minister, who is no rela-tion to the president, said security forces were on full alert during the visit. About 15,000 Colombian troops and police, along with U.S. troops and Secret Service agents provided security. There was no indication Bush's life was ever

Uribe did not say where the infor-mants had heard about the purported

order to attack Bush. The Secret Service did not comment on security details, as is its policy.

Bush visited Colombia after attending



The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine - President Leonid Kuchma called on opposition demonstrators to end their four-day blockade of government buildings Sunday, saying compromise was needed to solve the political crisis that has engulfed Ukraine since its disputed presidential vote.

Representatives of the rival presidential candidates prepared to meet at the negotiating table again Sunday, a day after the opposition's hopes for a new vote got a boost from national lawmakers who called the election in-

Western-leaning opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko, who claims he was cheated out of victory in the Nov. 21 run-off election, is demanding a new vote. Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators have jammed downtown Kiev for a week to support him.

Saturday's declaration by par-liament — approved by 255 of the 429 legislators present - was not legally binding, but it was a clear demonstration of rising dissatisfaction with an election international observers said was marred by fraud.Kuchma, speaking at a National Security Council meet ing, criticized the blockades of government buildings as a "gross violation of the law

'Compromise is the only way to avoid unpredictable consequences," the outgoing president

Ivan Plyushch, who is repre-

senting Yushchenko at the talks. told Ukraine's Inter television that "the sides have the constructive wish to reach compromise.

Yushchenko said he was seek ing a revote on Dec. 12 under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. He has also demanded that the current 15-person Central Election Commission be replaced



voting, but said that "before such an emotional decision taken a com-

Election

commission

head Serhiy

Kivalov said

Saturday he

was not opposed to new

mission must be created to analyze the work of the CEC. Ukraine's Unian news agency reported. That position would be unlikely

to please the Yushchenko camp. which wants to keep the revote momentum going. Braving wet snow and sleet thousands of nrotesters have gathered in a sprawling tent camp along Kiev's central Khreshchatyk Street and Independence Square. Field kitchens distribute hot food and tea.

Dutch Foreign Minister Ben Bot, speaking for the European Union, said that new elections were the "ideal outcome" to settle Ukraine's political crisis.



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#### Sending wrong message

I would like to comment on the article "Marine killed in Iraq hours after son's birth" (Nov. 22).

If the Stars and Stripes were part of the mainstream media, going for ratings and money, I perhaps could see some reason (albiet not a decent one) for posting this tragic article.

But with the majority of the paper's readers being deployed soldiers who get this newspaper for free, why would you post a story about an expecting father dying without knowing the joy of fatherhood?

I am currently serving in my third tour in Iraq, and my wife is expecting our first child while I am away. As I feel I am push ing the odds each time I go overseas, what kind of positive attitude am I to retain

when hearing of such depressing news? How does this help my wife (or the family of any soldier) maintain their morale and hopes of a safe return when stories of

tragic irony are posted on the front page? Yes, we are at war. Yes, people die, I've lost two friends since the beginning of op erations. I feel that they should be honored and remembered as the heroes they were and not at all the tragic/irony that revolves around their death.

Your publication proclaims, (according to your Web site) to "enhance military readiness and better enables U.S. military personnel and their families stationed overseas to exercise their responsibilities of citizenship." — Revised DOD Directive

I think the Stars and Stripes has failed miserably in this aspect as I can now imagine brave men and women on guard duty, too distracted by the constant bombardment of news stories like this (especially during the holidays) to maintain focus at a time where situational awareness is most needed.

You know in psychological operations, we are taught to never show friendly forc-

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es in a compromised position that can be used by the enemy for bragging/recruiting rights. Why doesn't the American media try to follow suit?

Overall, I think you guys have a great publication, and I thought I was overreacting until my entire team starting expressing bitterness toward that article

Sgt. Brett Karpowicz Baghdad

#### Giving back to docs

I would like to say thank you to Dr. J. Grow, of the Hanau Army Medical Center, and Dr. (Maj.) S.R. Hinds Jr., of the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, and all the wonderful people in and around the Hanau military community for their friendly and spiritual inspiration given me throughout my difficult time.

They give me hope and their blessing

In July 2002, I was diagnosed with lum bar spinal stenosis in my lower back. At times, I could hardly walk or sit without constant pain.

I was seen by several German doctors, but Grow was the driving force behind my physical outcome. He stuck with me and pushed to the every end.

In August 2003, I was sent to Walter Reed Army Medical Center hoping to be operated on, but my spine was not strong enough to withstand a major operation Upon my return to Germany, I once again consulted with Grow.

Finally, I was put in contact with Professor Dr. Med. W. Dittmann at the Aschaffenburg clinic in Germany. I was operated on Nov. 12, 2003.

I'm presently at 97.5 percent, and still cannot lift more than 11 pounds. I owe everything to Grow, If not for him,

would still be walking around bent over like a 90-year-old man. Thanks to Grow, Hinds, and all the wormunity.

Hanau military community.

Roy A. Sealey

Hanau Germany

#### Not fighting for NBA

This letter is in response to "pro athletes go too far" (Nov. 24).

I found it incredibly insulting that the

writer would close his letter by saying, "is this what we are fighting for in Iraq?

The writer was writing from England, therefore he is not fighting in Iraq. The fact that National Basketball Association. National Football League, National Hock ey League or any other sports venue is associated with this fight is ignorant

The writer, like a lot of other people, are using this forum to give their opinions validity. If the writer has served, or is being deployed down here to serve, then maybe he needs to rethink what it is he is going to be fighting for.

I and the other thousands of soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines are fighting to keep terrorists out of America, not so a guy can make \$5 million a year playing a game.

Søt. Nick Stansberry Tikrit, Iraa

#### Stopping Afghan opium tough but necessary

President Rush visited Colombia last Monday to celebrate that nation's progress in the war on drugs. With the help of U.S. money and military equipment, the Colom bians have attacked traffickers, extradited dozens of their leaders and fumigated thousands of acres of coca crops; the result is that coca cultivation has fallen by around two-fifths over the past three years. The Bush administration now hopes to repeat this success in Afghanistan. Last week it asked Congress to fund a \$780 million offensive against Afghanistan's opium trade.

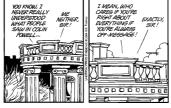
The Afghan challenge is tougher by some measures than the Colombian one. In the Colombian case, drug revenue amounts to about 3.5 percent of legal eco-

nomic output: in Afghanistan the share is more than 50 percent. The opium trade has boomed since the fall of the Taliban regime three years ago, generating pay-ments to farmers of \$2.2 billion in 2002-03, 15 times more than in the two years lead ing up to the Taliban's departure. A determined counternarcotics offensive, particularly one that focuses on crop eradication, risks generating a backlash against the fragile democratic government.

It's a risk that must be taken, however. Drugs are a poisonous basis for development: The profits that flow to ordinary farmers are outweighed by those that en rich traffickers who buy off government officials, retain private armies and undermine the legitimate authority of the state. The more time goes by, the more traffickers are likely to entrench themselves investing in extra processing factories and so capturing a larger share of the profits There are signs that this is happening already: In 2002 traffickers captured half of opium revenue, with the other half going to farmers. In 2004 the traffickers' share is around four-fifths.

The United States must press ahead with its counternarcotics strategy before the traffickers' position grows even stronger. That means first and foremost targeting the traffickers and their protectors, who include prominent government fig-ures as well as warlords with whom the United States has worked in tracking down Taliban and al-Qaida remnants. The hunt for terrorists must continue but not at the expense of consolidating Afghanistan's emerging status as a narco-state

#### Doonesbury







BY GARRY TRUDEAU

#### OPINION

## War defined by choices, not moral absolutes

BY FRANK PIERSON

ard news about war comes to the home front.

A group of Marines kill a wounded and unarmed Iraq and walk away talking tough. I flash back to another war: World War II, New Guinea. 1944, leading a patrol behind Japanese lines, climbing out of the steaming coastal innele at a South Pacific paradise named Aitape toward the snow-capped Owen Stanlev mountains.

The trail is narrow, twisting up mud-slick hills so steep we reach for roots to pull ourselves up. I carry a 60-pound pack and a light carbine for this patrol There have been no sightings of Japanese troops or activity for the three days we have been looking for them.

The radio isn't working. It pours down tropical rain every night, but last night we found a friendly native village where we slept under huts raised on poles.

The Army combat handbook for reconnaissance patrols makes it clear that if we are seen by either combatants or noncombatants we are to kill them; our safety depends on it. If the enemy were told we were in the area, it would, at the least, compromise our information and, at worst, lead them to hunt us down and kill us.

We know the people in the village where we spent the night hate the Japanese troops; we trusted them not to betray us. So we cautiously ate our K rations in front of them and shared our high-energy chocolate bars with their children.

Perhaps we should have hidden ourselves from them, for their protection as well as our own. But we didn't. In the morning we woke up and left them and sweated through the next leg of the patrol.

Now our Piper Cub spotter plane flies over us and drops new batteries for the radio and more K rations. The Japanese if there are any - know where we are now. After 40 miles and three days of sweating through 90-degree heat and almost 100 percent humidity, they can smell us a mile

Then we see the yellowish-tan uniform by the waterfall. It is an officer. He is curled asleep on his side by the falls, his head on his backpack, his rifle by his side. At first I think he has died there

But we freeze, staring at him, and we see the faintest movement of breath. For what seems an eternity we stand like statues, barely breathing ourselves. I think: Why didn't he hear us coming? The waterfall rushing beside him has screened out our footfalls. I look back - the guys are all staring at him, nobody moving. We can't be sure he hasn't heard us and is faking sleen.

This is our first combat tour. We haven't yet killed anyone; we haven't seen death or dead bodies. He is the first Japanese we have seen.

This is also an intelligence mission. Japanese prisoners are extremely rare and highly prized for what information they might give about the true condition of their forces. But we are only three men, and our mission is to go by stealth deep into the interior of the island. To move with a prisoner for another week of cutting through jungle brush, wading in hip-deep swamps, climbing when we got to the mountains, would he impossible

To extinguish that life is to end a uni-

verse. A sense of my own death sweeps through me, a darkness reaching out to the end of time while we have stood here for seconds, and all this hurricane of thought and feeling roars in my head

I think, should we wake him up, so he will know what is happening to him when we shoot him? No, let it happen so he slips unaware from his little sleep into eternal darkness

I hand signal to my second behind me. He very quietly raises his carbine, silently releases the safety and fires a single shot.

sweat-soaked wallet from his backpack. His name and rank and unit. Photographs. A young and pretty wife. A child, a boy maybe 5 or 6. An infant, A life, In one picture: trees, a neat park-like setting, peace. A sadness overcame me, and perhaps it has never left me.

I turned away and left him sleeping by his waterfall.

I've thought of him often in the nearly 60 years since. In one sense, he and the young wife and children live on in my memory, al-

owe him respect as an equal. In World War II there was rightful outrage at the mass executions of our troops captured by the German army during the Battle of the Bulge. There is no doubt that the rage of hattle drives soldiers on both

The officer was a soldier, and if I hope to

have mercy when it is possible in the sav-

agery of war, and circumstances permit, I

executions like that of those Marines in Falluiah. War is hell, but it is not an excuse to descend into savagery. That war is hell is a challenge - the highest and most difficult challenge is to behave well in the face of everything that drives us toward revenge, retribution, to-

sides to inhuman acts, massacres, casual

that we be and act at our best and most noble or else all is lost and we become our very worst. To maintain one's moral balance in the desperation and confusion of combat is the measure of military discipline, of humanity, of maturity.

The outrages at Abu Ghraib are not the answer to the lynching of the Americans on that bridge in Fallujah. And though I differ with President Bush on almost everything else, the president responded to the news from Abu Ghraib with righteous anger and moral passion when he said, "This is not America. This does not represent our values.

It was his finest hour, the words of a worthy leader and a commander of men and women in war

I don't know that our killing, a minor incident in a war that killed tens of millions. represents any summit of good behavior.

Perhaps because it was our first kill of many to come we were especially aware of the enormity of taking a life. We were not yet numb to the carnage. Did we behave well? We followed our orders. We cared. And what we took from that officer I carry with me forever.

I won't judge those trash-talking Marines. I only hope they remember that bloody, defeated man they reduced to a corpse as something more than meaningless residue of battle. Or the battle itself is meaningless.

Frank Pierson wrote "Cat Ballou," "Cool Hand Luke" and "Dog Day Afternoon," among other films, and is president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. This column first appeared in the Los

The Japanese officways young, always smiling into a fubody ture they could not know. They iumns ward the worst in ourselves. War demands with the impact; he turns, rolls, and for one single second his eyes open wide in astonishment as he sees us A second shot through his head throws him on his back his legs thrash then slow to twitching and then lie still The jungle goes silent. We around, looking, lis-

tening for sounds of movement, answering shots. Blood threads crimson into the waterfall. Nothing

I'm suddenly aware my heart is pounding, my chest gasping for air, I have not breathed for so long. Then bird songs. Breeze in the tree canopy high above. Far away a monkey complains. Behind me, the guys slump, leaning back against their packs. They smoke. The Japanese officer's face is peaceful but slewed away from the

In the moments that followed, I stripped his insignia from his uniform, noted that his weapon is rusted, dirty, that his uniform was muddy, his boots worn and unpolished, he was skeletally thin. He had been surviving alone for some time. I pulled a will be alive and not rest until I am gone.

A few days later, when we came back down the mountain past the waterfall he was gone, probably dragged away and his bones scattered by wild animals, like everything else in that jungle reduced to bare bones in days or even hours. His rifle and backpack were gone, incidental bounty of war for the native hunters. All of that world is gone. Even the lovely cove of the village of Aitape was washed away in a tidal wave some years ago.

It was our job to hunt down and kill each other; it was also our responsibility to ourselves as humans to hold tight to a sense of honor, a sense of respect for the enemy soldier that is the root of rules of war and the Geneva Conventions

Mallard Fillmore

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## **Gunmen kill 3 aid workers in Afghanistan**

BY NOOR KHAN The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan Gunmen stormed the office of an Afghan relief organization early Sunday killing three workers and wounding four police officers in a shootout, officials and the aid group said.

A spokesman for the former ruling militia said it carried out the attack and had executed a fourth man, but claimed it targeted only a police checkpoint.

The pre-dawn assault and the recently resolved kidnapping of three U.N. staffers highlight the risks still facing reconstruction workers despite landmark elections that were designed to bring political stability three years following the Taliban's ouster.

Police said six vehicles carrying about 30 gunmen raced up to the office of the Voluntary Associ ation for the Rehabilitation of Afghanistan in Delaram, a town in southwestern Nimroz province. early Sunday

"A cook, a night watchman and another employee were asleep in the first room," said Najamuddin Mojaddedi, the group's regional head told The Associated Press "The Taliban shot them dead."

ing, Mojaddedi said.

"The Taliban are just killing innocent people trying to help their country," Mojaddedi said. "I don't understand why they do

Local security forces who rushed to the scene engaged the gunmen for about an hour. Four police officers were injured before the militants withdrew with their vehicles, deputy police chief Mohammed Rassoul said.

Mullah Abdul Hakim Latifi, a man who claims to speak for the Talihan insisted the attack was against a government checkpoint

diers. He said the missing man had been executed.

Latifi also said Taliban militants detonated the bomb which slightly injured three German sol-

diers in northern Afghanistan on Friday. "We will continue to attack the United States and its allies, because they have occupied our Islamic country," he said.

His claims could not be verified

Sunday's three reported fatalities were the first for aid workers in Afghanistan since Aug 3 when two Afghans working for the Ger-

man Malteser agency died in a hail of gunfire in southeastern Pa-

ktia province. More than 40 relief and reconstruction workers have died this year, restricting the flow of international assistance to the impoverished south and east, where the militants are defying an

militants are defying an 18,000-strong U.S. military force. Mojaddedi said his groun would have to decide whether to pull out of the region, where it has worked for 14 years on agricultural projects.

In Delaram it distributes seeds on behalf of the U.N. World Food Program and builds schools and wells with the help of Dutch and Italian relief groups.

#### China mine explosion trapped at least 166

BY AUDRA ANG The Associated Press

BEIJING - An explosion tore through a coal mine in central China on Sunday, sending smoke billowing from air vents and trapping at least 166 miners in tun nels and shafts below without communica-

tions, the government said Some 127

workers man aged to escape state-owned

mine, the Xinhua News Agencv said, citing the State Bu reau of Production Safety The

rocked the state-owned Chenjiashan coal mine in Shaanxi province at 7:20 a.m., when 293 workers were underground, the official Xinhua News Agency said. The explosion centered

around coal pits five miles from the mine entrance, it said.

A woman cries Sunday as she

waits for a news about a loved one

Most of the miners who escaped were working close to the entrance, Xinhua said, and many suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning. Some 41 were hospitalized

Witnesses said they saw "huge amounts of thick smoke pouring the mine's ventilation vents," hampering rescue efforts, according to the Web site of the Communist Party's People's Daily newspaper.

Staff at Chenjiashan said communications with the trapped miners were cut off, the site said

On its evening newscast, state television

showed ambu lances rushing to the scene as huge crowds of people gathered outside the mine's main gate

President Hu Jintao urged rescuers to employ "all effective measures" to save the trapped workers China Central Television said. Premier Wen

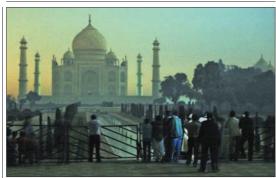
Jiabao, who arrived at the ASEAN summit in Laos on Sunday, said he was "extremely upset" over the

accident. trapped in the Chenjiashan He said the cause of the explocoal mine in Tongchuan, northwest sion would be China's Shaanxi Province. thoroughly inves-

tigated and the government will continue to push for safer working conditions in

the mines. China's mines are the world's

most dangerous, with thousands of deaths reported every year due to explosions, fires, cave-ins and flooding often blamed on lay safe. ty rules and lack of required equipment.



Tourists view the Taj Mahal at night in Agra, India. The Taj Mahal was opened for the first time in 20 years to nighttime tourists after the government had banned nighttime visits in 1984 out of fears that it could be targeted by Sikh separatists.

#### Taj Mahal reopens to nighttime visitors

By MICHAEL MORAIN

The Associated Press

AGRA, India - The moonlit view through the arched gateway, entrance to what may be the world's greatest monument to love, was enough to silence even the chattiest visitor.

On Saturday night, when the Taj Mahal was opened for the first time in 20 years to nighttime tourists, there was plenty of silence.

"It was really beautiful," said Rita Sinha, a visitor from the

northern Indian city of Lucknow "There was a sense of peace and

Night visits to the 17th-century marble mausoleum were banned by the government in 1984 out of ars that it could be targeted by Sikh separatists. Though the Sikh militant movement was crushed long ago, it was only Thursday that a Supreme Court ruling finally reopened the grounds — built by a long-dead ruler in memory of his wife - to tourists after dark.

For five nights each month, around the time of the full moon, visitors will be allowed inside the perimeter wall to see the Tai - alheit from a special platform set up about 300 yards away from the ac-

Security remains tight, unsurprisingly for a building that is one of the most famous on the planet and the best-known symbol of India. Some 225 police officers guarded the site and visitors had to pass through two separate checkpoints.

Mogul Emperor Shah Jahan commissioned the Taj Mahal to memorialize his wife Mumtaz Mahal, who died from complications arising from the birth of their fourteenth child. The monu-ment, which took more than 20,000 laborers and 22 years to complete, from 1632 to 1654, marked its 350th anniversary earlier this year.

#### Sharon says he's ready to work with new Palestinian leaders on Gaza withdrawal

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said in an interview published Sunday he is ready to coordinate Israel's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip to take advantage of new opportunities created by the death of Yasser Arafat.

In separate interviews with Newsweek magazine, both Sharon and the interim Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, said they would be willing to meet after the Jan. 9 Palestinian presidential election

The leaders also vowed to make efforts to restart the U.S.-backed "road map," a stalled peace plan that calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state next year.

The comments reflected the new atmosphere of reconciliation since the Nov. 11 death of Arafat, whom Israel accused of backing violence.

"I think there is an understanding that this is an opportunity that both sides can-not miss," said Raanan Gissin, a spokesman for Sharon.

The interviews by both leaders "offer a real sense of optimism that this window of opportunity can really be exploited to move the process forward," Gissin said. "The goal is to return back to the road map to peace ... and from there move to political negotiations.'

Earlier this year, Sharon announced plans to withdraw from Gaza and four West Bank settlements as part of his "unilateral disengagement" plan from the Palestinians.



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#### **EUROPEAN FORECAST**

the upper 40s.

Britain, Ireland: Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy, with rain in the north. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with areas of dense fog in the morning. Highs in the mid-40s.

France: North, mostly cloudy with rain in the morning. Highs in the upper 40s. South, cloudy with rain through-out the day. highs in the upper 50s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy to cloudy throughout the day. Highs in the mid 40s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rain in the morning. Highs

in the mid 40s Hungary: Cloudy with rainshowers in the morning and rain in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 40s.

Northern Italy: Cloudy with areas of fog in the morning and rain throughout the day. Highs in the mid to upper 40s. Southern Italy: Cloudy with afternoon rainshowers. Highs in the mid 60s.

Kosovo: Mostly cloudy with areas of dense fog in the morning. Highs in the mid-40s.

Norway: South west coast, mostly cloudy with rain in the evening. Highs in the upper 30s. Inland, mostly cloudy with snow in the evening. Highs in the upper 20s with lows in the teens.

Portugal, Spain: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rain in the morning and rainshowers in the afternoon. Highs in the upper-50s. Coastal highs in the mid 60s to low 70s. Turkey: West coast, partly cloudy with

trivey: west coast, partly cloudy will isolated rainshowers mid day. Highs in the upper 40s. Inland and south coast, partly cloudy with rainshowers early. Highs in the mid to upper 50s.

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#### Cell-phone sting

VA CULPEPER — One phone call got Kenneth Settle Jr. and his cousin both sent to jail.

The two were arrested when police said they phoned a drug dealer to place an order during a police drug sting operation.

When the suspected drug dealer's cell phone rang during the Blue Ridge Drug Task Force sting, a Culpeper town police investigator answered.

The caller said he wanted to buy \$50 worth of crack cocaine, according to Detective Troy Steele. The man gave his location and a description of the vehicle he was driving.

Two officers drove to the agreed meeting spot in the Southgate Shopping Center, identified the vehicle and found 21-year-old Settle and his 22-year-old cousin, Steven Settle, inside, Steele said.

The alleged drug dealer's cell

phone was the last number called on a cell phone discovered in the vehicle, police said.

The Settles were both charged with conspiracy to possess cocaine.

#### Agency head to retire

MO JEFFERSON CITY — The head of Missouri's Emergency Management Agency said bell retire at the end of the year. Jerry Ullmann has run the agency. Jerry Ullmann has run the agency for almost 12 years after serving for 32 years in the Missouri National Guard. Under his watch, the agency has responded to the state's largest floods, most cotty winter storm and the most destructive series of tornadoes.

#### **Hotel shuts down**

NORTH PLATTE — The landmart Hotel Pawne is scheduled to close Dec. 31, forcing of Special needs residents to find a new place to live. After decades as a prestigious hotel, the building was converted into a retirement home. For the last eight years it had housed people with mental illness or special needs. Owner Bob Parsons says the hotel loses about \$20,000 a month.

#### Island access limited

GA SEAISLAND — The Sea Island Causeway will soon be closed to all but the wealthy residents who live there. The Glynn County commission voted to give up county ownership to all the up county ownership to all the live of the county ownership to all the public causeway after residents said they aren't safe because of their wealth. The Sea Island Co. plans to put up a gate blocking access to the island.

#### Detention centers cited

MI TRENTON — The state is warehousing nonviolent children and teens in overcrowded detention centers because there's nowhere else to place them, a study by the state Office of the Child Advocate says. The study calls for increased mental illness screening and other services. It says youths in the system who have serious emotional problems have inadequate access to mental health care.



#### AMERICAN ROUNDUP

#### Firefighters rehired

CA SACRAMENTO — Most of the firefighters who were to be fired for drinking on duty, giving joy rides and attending a porn-star costume ball will return to work, Fire Chief Julius "Joe" Cherry said.

Five of the nine firefighters who were sent letters of termination signed a "last chance contract" stipulating that they have to meet Fire Department standards for the next five years or they will be terminated without right to appeal.

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"When we looked at all nine of
them, took a balanced approach
and listened to their arguments,
we looked at five of them as salvageable employees," Cherry said.

#### Turkevs eat well

VOLUNTOWN — Two turkeys, spared from becoming dinner, have been treated to an early Thanksgiving feast.

The turkeys, named Dandelion and Sage, arrived at Michele and Charles Nash's six-acre farm. The couple is adopting them after they were left in a box at the front gate of a shelter that aims to keep turkeys off the holiday dinner table.

Upon arrival, the turkeys dined on a platter of salad greens and fresh cranberries, a pumpkin pie and baked winter squash.



#### In the nick of time

Maysville Police Officer Larry Farris, right, watches as Charlie Traxe, second left, and his son, Drew, second right, upright the clock that marks the location of their store, Traxel's Jewelers, in downtown Maysville, Ky. The 6-month-old turkeys were gropped off at Farm Sanctuary in Watkins Glen, N.Y., five months ago. Kate Walker, a coordinator who brought the turkeys to the Nash farm, said she believes they were never destined to survive past Nov. 25.

"We know they came from a factory farm because their beaks are cut," she said.

The turkeys should fear no more. Michele Nash and her husband have been vegetarians for the past three years, but still enjoy much of the traditional Thanksgiving feast, she said.

"Everything," she said, "but the turkey."

#### Rings found on beach

GA ATLANTA — Hurricanes that struck the Florida coast this year churned up more than sand along Daytona Beach. They also yielded gold — rings of gold 40 years old.

Two people are richer for it, after their high school class rings from the 1960s were found by Lorrie Sprigg, a modern-day prospector using a metal detector.

Sprigg turned over Larry Mitchell's 1964 Clarkston High School ring, lost on spring break that year. "It was just a real big shock for me. That's 40 years. You just don't expect something to turn up," Mitchell said.

On a separate outing, Sprigg found a 1963 ring from Christian County High School, which she traced to Kentucky and then to Beth Townsend.

Townsend said she wasn't even aware that her ring had been lost in Florida, where she also had been on spring break.

Townsend, who works at a health food store and does counseling at her church, was struck by the fact that it took the storms to shift enough sand around that the ring was found.

"In counseling, we always say that in a crisis things get shifted. That happens in the natural world, too," she said.

#### Fruit fight

ME ROCKLAND — Fewer than 200 blueberry growers have filed claims for a share of a \$5 million settlement in a landmark price-fixing lawsuit.

As many as 800 growers could have been damaged by the price-fixing, according to the growers' attorneys.

"The pool of growers gets smaller once you peel off those who opted out of the suit in the beginning," said attorney William Robitzek. "Then there are growers who are still scared to death to be identified with this lawsuit, because the list of payouts will be

The number of claims — 176 statewide — was disclosed Tuesday by Justice Joseph Jabars. The 4-year-old case is nearing an end after Allen's Blueberry Freezer of Ellsworth agreed to pay \$1 million as its share of the settlement.

Growers who can show how many pounds of fruit they sold in each of the seasons between 1996 and 1999 have until Dec. 23 to join the lawsuit



Fashion prepping Beth Bennett, an employee of the Younkers store in Dubuque, Iowa, dresses a store mannequin during one of the biggest shopping days of the year.



Winter wonderland The aspens show off their new coat of white after a snowstorm dropped 14 inches of snow on Steamboat Ski Resort in Colorado.



Music to my ears

Catie Mungle, 11, of Marquand, Mo, practices her skills in front of a display of Monarch accordions at the Mariott Hotel in downtown St. Louis, where the St. Louis Metro Polka Club was holding its 15th annual Thanksgiving Weekend dance festival.



Sunset chores

Wendell Pellegrin uses the last minutes of sunlight to mow the grass in the median of Civic Center Boulevard in Houma, La.

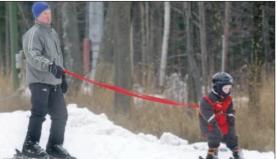


A bright scene move through the area.

Allen Neuman watches the lightning show from a balcony in Fort Smith, Ark., as storms



Colorful illumination
With the twist of the ring of a zoom
lens at a slow shutter speed, the
holiday lights that illuminate the
Denver City/County Building stread
through the night sky, as the annual lighting display was turned on for
the first time this season in the
Mile High City.



Practice makes perfect

Dan Ryan with his son, Cade, 4, from Northern Illinois, ski at Granite Peak Ski Area at Rib Mountain in Wausau, Wis.

#### High-tech hospital

BIRMINGHAM — Baptist Health System, which once tried to stop HealthSouth Corp. from constructing a high-tech hospital in metro Birmingham, has joined with Samford University in talks about purchasing the unfine have spent about \$190 million by the end of the year on the hospital, according to earlier estimates. Finishing the hospital will cost at least \$100 million more.

#### Rare foxes rebound

AVALON — A unique subspecies of fox that is about the size of a house cat is back from the brink of extinction and can survive on its own because of a captive or breeding program, the head of a nonprofit nature group said.

With the release of the remaining foxes in the coming weeks, the program on Santa Catalina Island will end, said Ann Muscat of the Catalina Island Conservancy.

The conservancy, which manages most of the island, released five pups and four adult foxes Tuesday. The animals quickly scampered into the scrub-covered hills on the eastern end of Catalina.

There are now 300 of the foxes that will be monitored to make sure they don't again drop to a critical level, Muscat said. The Sant Catalian fox was nearly wiped out by an outbreak of canine distemper virus, causing the population to drop from 1,300 in the 1990s to just 100 four years ago.

#### Countersuit filed

NEW YORK — A woman who was sued by American Express over an alleged scam where she posed as a Saudi princess to steal thousands has countersued the company, saying she was mentally incompetent when she opened her account and the company should have known it.

The countersuit was filed by Antoinette Millard, 40, free on \$100,000 bail and awaiting trial on attempted grand larceny charges for alleged scams carried out while she posed as a Saudi Arabian princess and a Victoria's Secret model. She was neither.

Millard, a former vice president at the Brown Brothers Harriman investment bank, countersued for \$2 million in Manhattan's State Supreme Court after Amex obtained a court order of attachment freezing more than \$951,000 of her assets for unpaid charges.

The larceny charges against Millard stem from her allegedly trying to steal \$262,000 from an insurance company by falsely reporting that her jewelry had been stolen, the Manhattan district attorney's office said.

#### Fatal mistake

WA SEATTLE — A woman who underwent surgery for a brain aneurysm died after she was mistakenly injected with an antiseptic solution instead of a harmless X-ray marker dye, hospital officials say.

Mary McClinton, 69, had the operation Nov. 4 at Virginia Mason Medical Center and died Tuesday.

At the end of McClinton's operation, a technician was supposed to inject the dye into a leg artery. Instead, the syringe was filled with chlorhexidine, a highly toxic solu-

tion used to clean the skin, hospital quality chief Dr. Robert Caplan said. The solution "caused widespread damage to the organs of her body," Caplan said. The hospital had recently

switched from a brown iodine antiseptic to a colorless version. The marker dye also is clear, and the syringe was filled from an unlabeled cup containing the antiseptic.

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Caplan said the cup of antiseptic has since been replaced with a swab on a stick.

Everyone involved in the mistake was removed from duty and retrained, along with the entire medical staff, officials said. The names of the technician and others involved were not released.

#### Ex-con on book tour

BATON ROUGE — Nearly two years after he served a six-month prison sentence, former Insurance Commissioner Jim Brown has completed a book chronicling the case that put him behind bars.

A federal jury convicted Brown for lying to an FBI agent about the liquidation of a failed insurance company. Brown, who has maintained his innocence, said he'll start a book tour next week in Shreveport.

#### Attacker sentenced

WAUKEGAN — A woman pleaded guilty to two counts of attempted murder and was sentenced to 30 years for her role in a sledgehammer attack that nearly killed her ex-husband and his new wife.

Sandra Rogers, 48, was accused of planning the May 2003 attack with an 18-year-old acquaintance, Jonathan McMeekin, as she fought with her ex-husband for custody of their daughter. prosecutors said.

McMeekin, who also pleaded guilty to attempted murder, told police he went along with the plan because he wanted to resume dating Rogers' 14-year-old daughter. He said he went with Rogers the night of the attack, but she beat the couple with the hammer while they slept. McMeekin could face 12 to 35 years in prison.

#### Drug bust

MOREHEAD — A drug bust at Morehead State University resulted in 21 warrants issued for students. The law enforcements of the students who were arrested.

#### Cameras in patrol cars

PHOENIX — Highway Fatrol cars are being
equipped with video cameras to
record traffic stops and help settle
a class-action lawsuit accusing the
state Department of Public Safety
of racial profiling. The cameras
are part of a proposed settlement
expected to be submitted to a federal judge for approval soon, DPS of
ficials and a lawyer for the plan3-year-old case that originated
with traffic stops made along interstate highways in Coconino Coun-

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4:00	Boy Meets World		Wis. (Live)	NBC Nightly News	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Friends	NBC Nightly News
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5:00	Sesame Street (EI)	Roberts, Hugh Grant. A book-		Access Hollywood	Lou Dobbs Tonight	ESPNews NFL Films Presents	Breathingspace Yoga Caribbean Workout	Access Hollywood
5:30 6:00	Barney & Friends Exercise.	seller and a movie star have an	Headline News	(:25) Guiding Light (:13) General Hospital	Larry King Live	SportsCenter	Body Shaping	(:25) Guiding Light (:13) General Hospital
6:30	Blue's Clues	unlikely romance.	Headline News	(:13) General Hospital	Larry King Live	Sportscenter	TiPical Mary Ellen	(:13) General Hospital
7:00	Dragon Tales The fun house.	Access Hollywood	Play With Me Sesame	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	NFL Total Access	The View	I Spy
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8:00	The Wiggles	Entertainment Tonight	Sagwa-Siamese Cat	Braceface	BET Nightly News	SportsCenter	Emeril Live	Braceface
8:30	Dora the Explorer	1	Wheel of Fortune	Teen Kids News (EI)	Tavis Smiley			Teen Kids News (EI)
9:00	Stanley "Platypus Problems"	Movie ★★ "Catch a Falling	Dr. Phil	Jeopardy!	Nightline	NBA Basketball Teams to Be	30-Minute Meals	Jeopardy!
9:30	Sagwa-Siamese Cat	Star" (2000, Romance) Sela Ward, John Slattery.		Headline News	Nightly Business Report	Announced. (Taped)	Sweet Dreams	Headline News
10:00	Arthur (EI)	,	(9:46) Oprah Winfrey	ESPNews	Hardball With Chris Matthews		Best for Less	ESPNews
10:30	Between the Lions (EI)	(:45) Movie *** "Awaken-	(:35) Guiding Light	Advisory Block			Stripped	Pacific Report
11:00	Sagwa-Siamese Cat	ings" (1990, Drama) Robin Williams, Robert De Niro. An	470.0	NFL Football St. Louis Rams at Green Bay Packers. From	The O'Reilly Factor	01.01	E News	NFL Football St. Louis Rams at Green Bay Packers. From
11:30	Stanley Dora the Explorer	experimental drug revives vic-	(:17) General Hospital Headline News	Lambeau Field in Green Bay,	CNN Daybreak	SportsCenter	The King of Queens That '70s Show	Lambeau Field in Green Bay,
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16:00	Pokémon	Drama) James Cromwell, Tan- too Cardinal, Joseph Ashton.	Braceface	Late Show	The Early Show	Real Sports	ER "Brothers & Sisters"	Late Show
16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 2 of 2)		Teen Kids News (EI)		1			L
17:00	Aaahh! Real Monsters	The Entertainers	Jeopardy!	Headline News	1	SportsCenter	Law & Order "Stalker"	Headline News
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18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Behind the Scenes Entertainment Tonight	ESPNews	Dennis Miller	FOX News	World Sport NBA Fastbreak	The Simpsons	Dennis Miller
18:30 19:00	Rugrats The Proud Family	Entertainment Tonight Movie **s "Zoolander"	AFN Evening News Smallville Lex plots his escape	Dennis Miller	FOX News	NBA Fastbreak NFL Football St. Louis Rams	Everybody Loves Raymond Star Trek: Enterprise "Exile"	Dennis Miller
19:00	The Amanda Show	(2001 Comedy) Ben Stiller	from the mental institution.	Countdown With Keith Olber-	I OX INSWS	at Green Bay Packers From	oral new: Enterprise EXIO	Countdown With Keith Olber
20:00	Everwood "The Price of Fame"	Owen Wilson, Will Ferrell.	Movie * * "National Securi-	mann	FOX News	Lambeau Field in Green Bay.	CSI: Crime Scene Investiga-	mann
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22:30	Home Improvement	1	The Tonight Show	gins Clark; Carol Higgins Clark.	Navy/Marine Corps News	NFL Live	Seinfeld "The Abstinence"	gins Clark; Carol Higgins Clark
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# Linney is sexy in her 'own right'

BY JOE NEUMAIER New York Daily News

NEW YORK aura Linney is having a very sexy season. First, there was "P.S.," where she made a steamy impres-sion, particularly in a sex scene where she remained fully clothed.

Now comes "Kinsey," in which she plays the drab wife of the legendary - and somewhat notorious - sex researcher Alfred Kinsey, played by Liam Neeson.

This is not the way most Hollywood actresses use their sensuality on screen, but Linney is not most Hollywood ac-tresses. "I've always thought that I'm sexy in my own right, but not in a way that people thought was bankable," says the 40-year-old actress.

"I've outgrown that time for actors when that pressure is on you, or when people look at you with disappointment, be cause you're not as sexy as they'd like you to be - or

you're sexy in a different way, which is how I look at it. "Sexiness is undefinable, and a lot of it is being at ease

with who you are and where you are in life Where Linney is now is amid a string of plum roles, in thing about film acting. I spent many years studying how to movies like "Mystic River" and "Love Actual ly" that followed her breakout performance in "You Can Count on Me"; that 2000 indie movie brought her an Academy Award nomination for best actress. the City" in 1993, then starred opposite Rich-Now "Kinsey" is generating more Oscar buzz "This movie is an excellent reminder of our country's complex re-lationship to sexuality." she says, "It shows how sex is a really powerful thing and can be used to heal or "Nobody talked about if my hair was sexy hurt. It's an endlessly fascinating nough. It was all about the work." one lovemaking scene. 'It's very sensual, and it makes some peoit's so intimate '

topic."

Though Kinsey's wife, Clara McMillen, seemed like a buttoned-up faculty spouse, she was in fact an integral part of her husband's research, which involved wife-swapping by Kinsey himself and by his staff (played in the movie by Peter Sarsgaard, Timothy Hutton and Chris O'Donnell).
"Playing Clara made me think about all sorts of stuff." says Linney.

"I never really thought about how sex flavors a life, how it creates fear or can release you. It's about the choices you make in life, who you spend time with, what are you attracted to and why, and can you change that. Doing this movie, I'm sure, has affected my relationships, and for the better.

Linney grew up in Manhattan, the daughter of playwright Romulus Linney. Her parents divorced when she was a child, but Linney learned about theater from her father before studying acting at Juilliard.

She has continued to do theater, including Broadway roles in "Uncle Vanya" in 2000 and "The Crucible" in 2002,

co-starring Neeson. Linney's film career started slowly, as she learned the craft of performing before a camera. "I was just intimidated." Linney says. "I didn't know any-

act on stage, and I knew it wasn't the same thing. So I was very fortunate that I had small parts in movies that let me feel out the terrain. She constarred in the miniseries "Tales of

> ard Gere in "Primal Fear" and Jim Carrey in "The Truman Show." Then came "You Can Count on Me." "That movie was a treat, because there were no scary Hollywood studio guys ask-ing, 'Is the chick sexy enough?' " she says.

People have definitely been talking about how sexy Linney is in "P.S.," especially that

ple uncomfortable," she says. "It's really intense in its eroticism. The camera focuses mainly on our faces, and

> In sharp contrast, Linney had to make a determined effort, including makeup and costumes, to downplay her natural attractiveness in "Kinsey."

"Some people get de-pressed wearing an ugly wig and makeup for a week, but I didn't feel that way," she says.

"I loved playing someone who saw life in such a vibrant way. And at the end of the day, when they'd brush my hair and get the prosthetics

off, I'd look in the mirror a bit surprised, and say, 'Ooh hi!' " Actress Laura Linney has starred in a string of plum

roles in movies such as "Mystic River" and "Love Actually" that followed her breakout performance in "You Can Count on Me." And her most recent film "Kinsey," in which she plays the wife of legendary sex researcher Alfred Kinsey, is generating Oscar buzz.

Charles honored with new exhibit

Less than six months after his death, Ray Charles may be more popular than ever with a movie about his life and

a posthumously released album.

Now he is being recognized with an exhibit at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. "The Genius of Ray Charles" exhibit opened Nov. 19, and a reception to celebrate the opening is planned for Wednesday.

Charles memorabilia is on loan from his Los Angeles studio and in-cludes electronic keyboards, a saxophone, sunglasses and a collection of awards. The exhibit, expected to re-main through Labor Day, also includes video recordings of his performances

"Ray was very gracious for any-thing done for him," said Joe Adams, Charles' friend and business manag-er of 47 years. "He fussed about it, but he loved it. This would have

now in stateside theaters.

been meaningful to him, definitely." Charles, 73, died June 10 of liver disease. His final studio recording, "Genius Loves Company," is an album of duets that was released this year. His



#### life story is told in the movie "Ray," starring Jamie Foxx, Cheers' actress home from hospital

"Cheers" alum Shelley Long was back home after being briefly hospitalized because she took a dose of med-ication to treat back pain and the drug made her ill, her manager said Friday.

"Shelley took an extra pain pill for her back, which she hurt when she fell on the set of 'Cheers' many years ago, Martin Mickelson said. "She had a reaction to it ... bu she is now home and she is fine."

The actress, who played the prim and neurotic Diane Chambers on the hit 1980s sitcom, was treated overnight sometime within the last two weeks at the University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center, Mickelson said. "She had a nice Thanksgiving," he added.

Mickelson denied published reports Friday that suggested Long, 55, had apparently taken an overdose of painkillers brought on by the breakup of her 22-year marriage to stockbroker Bruce Tyson.

#### 'Wall' kids suing Pink Floyd for royalties

Members of the children's chorus who sang on Pink Floyd's anti-authoritarian 1979 hit, "Another Brick in the Wall," are owed thousands of dollars in payment, a royalties agent said

Peter Rowan said he was representing one member of the group, Peter Thorpe, in a bid for unpaid royalties Rowan said he hoped other members of the group would join the claim for royalties from a fund set up in 1997 to compensate session musicians.

Two dozen students from Islington Green School in north London sang on the chart-topping track from the album "The Wall," which was recorded at a nearby studio in 1979

The song attracted controversy for the chorus sung by the children: "We don't need no education/ We don't need no thought control/ No dark sarcasm in the classroom/ Teachers, leave them kids alone.

#### Welsh stars open new concert hall

Welsh stars past and present took center stage at the opening of a glittering new concert hall in the capital, Cardiff

Today's stars, including baritone Bryn Terfel, paid tribute to entertainers including singer Shirley Bassey, sopra-no Gwyneth Jones and actor Richard Burton at Friday's

opening of the Wales Millennium Centre.

The \$200 million slate, glass and steel building, "inspired by the landscape and by the industrial and cultural heritage of Wales," includes a 1,900-seat auditorium that

will house the Welsh National Opera and facilities for a variety of arts and cultural organizations

#### Dutch film wins top prize at film festival

Dutch film "Stand Van De Maan," which addresses increasing Islamic radicalism in Indonesia, won the top prize at the Amsterdam International Documentary Film

The festival is billed as the world's largest documentary festival, with more than 200 films shown over two weeks in Amsterdam theaters.

"Stand Van De Maan (Shape of the Moon)," directed by Leonard Retel Helmrich, recorded the story of an Indone-sian Christian woman who leaves Jakarta for the countryside to avoid growing unemployment and increasingly fundamentalist Islamic sentiment in the city.

Stories and photo from The Associated Pres-

#### Horoscope

Jupiter and Neptune are in an auspicious relationship that lasts through Dec. 60 rifts year. This represents a return to the hippie values of peace, love and understanding, and as Elvis Costello would savnarfs so furny about that? This trine provides an opening for cosmic awareness. We're seeing fewer differences among people.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
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February. Singles tie the knot in

ARIES (March 21-April 19).
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May, possibly with a Gemini or Leo.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). From the Latin word "discere," which means "to learn," we get the word "discipline." Self-discipline is really about educating yourself, not about creating more ways and reasons to punish yourself. Be nice to you.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

There's an opportunity that comes to you solely because someone else slipped up. Be compassionate, but jump on this! Make sure you have fruit, cheese and drinks on hand at home. Someone is stopping by unexpectedly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Friends won't behave themselves

Friends won't behave themselves, so don't expect them to. The best you can do is refuse to be embarrassed by other people's actions. Make sure to call things in the moment, and you won't have to blow up later.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What's on your mind? Money, riches, booty! You've been working hard, and still, it's just out of reach. Get creative. A brainstorming session will open windows of financial possibility worth investigating.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While others concentrate on the frills

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and fancy finery, you find a practical action that will make the goal happen. By the way, without you, those nice little extras everyone likes would not be possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Despite

23-0ct. 23). Despite your efforts, a relationship is still less than perfect. Perhaps it's lovely in its flaws! Anyway, you can still feel bad about a mistake and feel good about yourself. A Sacittari-

us helps you find compassion for vourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Maybe you're blowing things out of proportion. But, more likely, your sense of proportion just isn't like other people's, and that doesn't make it wrong. There are times when it's fun to make a big to-do over a triffion matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21), You've got it all worked out in your head, but the question is whether everyone else can duplicate your plan. Too bad reality dictates that not everything will go your way. Communicate to the best of your ability.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Big responsibilities are featured, and so is the fear of doing it all wrong — it's a healthy fear, though, and one that will keep you honest. Your brainchild is beginning to 'walk." This is the next best thing to being immortal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're a tad gullible and could believe someone you'd usually

believe someone you'd usually agree is unbelieveable. Then comes the mental descent from sublime dreams to commonplace reality. Do not lose faith in visions, though.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Consider yourself a protector! Hopefully, people will consult you before making silly decisions or falling for ploys designed especially to appeal to the ignorant through sensationalism or cheanness.

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#### Peanuts



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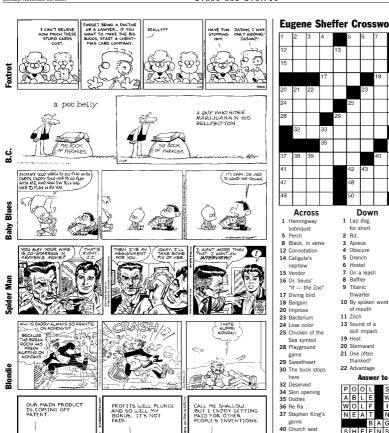
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G'R VGXXFY-TKLLI? Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A PODIATRIST TURNS AGAINST SOMEBODY, I SUPPOSE HE MIGHT BECOME AN ARCH ENEMY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals P



HUGE WATERFALL

AHEAD, HAGAR!





SHALLOW!

I'm so busy I'll

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#### Rape at frat should be reported

Dear Abby: My 16-year-old daughter went to a party at a frat house where she was given a great deal to drink.

Feeling "woozy," she went outside. One of the "boys" she had been talking to went with her and suggested she Dear Abby go back to his room to lie down. She had known this fellow before that night and trusted him She was drunk, and he had sex with her. It was her first time. She claims she tried to make him stop, but he wouldn't, and she

couldn't make him. Shouldn't the young man be punished in some way? I feel something should be done, and I also worry about him doing this to some other girl. Would this constitute date rape?

- Confused in Virginia Dear Confused: You're darn

right it was date rape. And the "something" you should do is call the nearest rape crisis center and get help for your daughter You should also inform the police. I'm sure they'll be interested to know that minors are being given alcohol and taken advan-

tage of at that fraterni ty house, as well as the name of the man who assaulted your daughter. You're absolutely correct that he's likely to do it again.

Dear Abby: I recently went through a difficult two- year divorce from "Jayson'

after 10 years of marriage My former mother-in-law "Violet." now insists that I return the china that Jayson and I received during the marriage. I always thought a gift was just

that - a gift. Violet insists that the china be

from "my" family. I say it WAS my family - for 10 years. You see, Abby, Jayson left me. I was trying to work on our problems. but he wanted out. Now Violet is calling me a martyr and saying I have no right to the china

I have informed Jayson and his mother-from-hell that the china is boxed and in storage, and that I'm saving it for our son. Am I wrong?

#### - Furious in Virginia

Dear Furious: When your son and his future bride are ready to set up a household, they'll want to select their own china. Of this you can be sure. If the china has been in your husband's family for generations, return it. If that's not the case, offer to let your former mother-in-law BUY it

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(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: BANDY OPERA GOODLY HARROR Answer Often used to pull the wool over her eyes -A GOOD "YARN"

#### **Family Circus**



"Somebody should tell that guy how to use eye shadow.

#### returned. She says it wasn't **Upset over son cheating on wife** Dear Annie: I have a Annie's Mailbox

son, "Chris," age 23, who recently left for deployment to Iraq. He has an adorable wife of three years but no children. This girl is unbelievably sweet and absolutely crazy about my son. When he left, they

seemed so in love. However, while in training before he deployed, he went to a club with his buds and ended up going home with a young woman for the night. I raised Chris to have good morals, and he has never done anything like this before. Now he says he is in love with this new girl and wants a divorce as quickly as possible.

I am heartbroken over his poor decision. I e-mailed Chris, telling him how angry, saddened and disappointed I am, and how his decision has hurt so many peo ple, not just his wife. Chris won't write back or call me, but he is writing and calling his dad, who by the way, did the same thing to me before our divorce My ex-husband thinks I am



horrible for judging Chris. Did I do the right thing to tell him how I felt and let him know the pain this has caused? I know this has brought up a lot of my own past, so I can't be sure I am really seeing things straight.

- Heartsick Mom Dear Heartsick: It's understandable that you are upset, and there's no reason to hide it

from Chris. It's painful when a child's marriage breaks up, especially since you are obviously fond of your daughter-in-law. However Chris sounds rather immature. It's also possible that, facing deployment to Iraq, his reaction is to shed all previous entanglements not fix these things. Chris must deal with them in his own

Write your son a letter and tell him you love him and hope he returns home safely. Say nothing about his marriage or his current girlfriend. Encourage his wife to take advantage of the counseling services offered through the military, and be a limited, not-too-attached source of support for her

Dear Annie: I enjoy going to my women's gym, where every-one is friendly and the atmo-sphere is low-key. Last week, however, two of the women, speaking very loudly, began a rather personal conversation about a third woman, "Jean." They went on and on about Jean's house, family life and so on

Perhaps you could remind folks that such conversations are in poor taste in public.

 Exerciser in Connecticut
Dear Exerciser: People don't always realize they can be heard or that others are listening.

Bystanders should try their best not to notice. However, if other gym regulars know Jean, such gossip could find its way back to her. It would have been polite to discreetly point that out to these women.

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"MARGARET GAYS HER DAD IS AN AVID HUNTER VE NEVER SEEN AN AVID, HAVE YOUR



"Hey! I'm coming, I'm coming—just cross your legs and wait!"



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AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—College basketball: Nevada at Xansa, am.—Sports, 9 a.m.—Bowling: PBA Pepsi
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#### College basketball

#### AP Men's Top 25 fared

Saturday

1. Wake Forest (5-0) did not play. Next: at 1. Wijke Forest (5-0) did not play. Next: at 2. Kansas (5-0) did not play. Next to 4. Kansas (5-0) did not play. Next to 4. Kansas (5-0) did not play. Next vo. 4. Syrabuse (5-0) Beat Siena 75-S. Next V. A. Syrabuse (5-0) Beat Siena 75-S. Next V. Next V.

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12. Louisville (3-1) did not play, Next: vs. Lafayette, Saturday, 13. Maryland (3-0) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Wisconsin, Tuesday, 14. Mississippi State (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Alabama, Thursday, 15. Texas (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Cop-pin State, Monday.

pin State, Monday.

16. Pittsburph (3-0) beat Loyola, Md. 93-57.

Next: vs. St. Francis, Pa., Wednesday.

17. North Carolina State (4-0) did not play.

18. Arizona (3-2) did not play. Next: vs. Wyoming, Tuesday.

19. Alabama (4-1) lost to No. 22 Washing, 10-10 (19.0)

#### Saturday's men's scores

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6. Notre Dame (6-0) did not play. Next: at Valparaiso, Tuesday.
7. Stanford (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Texas Tech, Sunday. 8. Connecticut (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. offried (\$ 2) Co. 1 Florida, Wednesday, Raylor (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Rice,

9. Baylor (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. kice, Tuesday, 10. Duke (5-1) beat No. 16 Kansas State 6-3-51. Next: at No. 1 Tennessee, Thursday, 11. Ohio State (4-1) beat Yale 80-53. Next: vs. Bradley, Sunday vs. Bradley, Sunday

No. 7 Stanford, Sunday. 13. Michigan State (4-0) beat Santa Clara 81-59. Next: vs. TCU at Honolulu, Sunday. 14. Vanderbilt (4-0) beat Siena 76-47. Next:

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Minnesota 5, Michigan St. 0
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Providence 3, Holy Cross 1
Faceoff Classic First Round
Colby 11, Salve Regina 0
US Under-18 Team 5, Bowdoir PAL Cup First Round wdoin 1

St. Anselm 4. Assumption 0
Plymouth St. 4. S. New Hampshire 2
Primelink Tournament
Championship
Norwich 1, Middlebury 1, tie

Potsdam 3, Plattsburgh 2
RPI Holiday Tournau
Championship
Air Force 1, RPI 0
Third Place

Robert Morris 4, Sacred Heart 2 St. Norbert Thanksgiving Tournament Round-Robin St. Norbert 6, Lake Forest 3 Wis.-Stout Tournament First Round

St. John's, Minn. 6, Lawrence 3 Wis.-Stout 7, Milwaukee Engineering 2

#### Deals

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Wittenberg 89, Urbana 65 Wooster 79, Mount Union 69 Wright St. 74, Toledo 64 SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 79, Gardner-Webb 63 Arkansas St. 91, Liberty 64 Cent. Arkansas 65, NW Missouri St. 48 Emporia St. 80, Henderson St. 73



#### College bowl schedule

Payout: \$750,000 North Texas (7-4) vs. CUSA Tuesday, Dec. 21 Champ Sports Bowl Champ Sports Boo At Orlando, Fla. Payout: \$850,000 ACC vs. Big 12 ACC vs. Big 12
Wednesday, Dec. 22
GMAC Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
Payout: \$750,000
CUSA vs. MAC or WAC

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CUSA No. 5 vs. Big 12 No. 8

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At Honolulu

Payout 5750,000

CUSA vs. WAC

Blue vs. Gray
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Pac-10 No. 4/5 vs. Big East No. 3 Wednesday, Dec. 29

Houston Bowl
Payout: \$1.1 million
Texas-El Paso (8-3) vs. Big 12
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Payout: \$1.55 million
Ohio State (7-4) vs. Big 12 No. 4
Thursday, Dec. 30
Continental Tire Bow

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At Charlotte, N.C.
Payout: \$750,000
Big East No. 4/5 vs. North Caroli
Emerald Bowl
At San Francisco
Payout: \$750,000
MWC No. 3 vs. Navy (8-2)
Holiday Bowl

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Triday, Dec. 31

Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Payout: \$780,000

vs. Big Ten No. 6

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Payout: \$1.5 million
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Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
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No. 2 vs. Big East No. 2 or No
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: \$5.187 million
(9-2) vs. SEC
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.

Payout: \$14.5 million
Michigan (9-2) vs. Pac-10 champion or TBA
Flesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Payout: \$11-14 million
BCS vs. BCS

Monday, Jan. 3 Sugar Bowl At New Orleans Payout: \$11-14 mill

Tuesday, Jan. 4
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Payout: \$11-14 million
BCS1 vs. BCS2

Saturday, Jan. 15 Gridiron Classic At The Villages, Fla.

East-West Shrine Classic At San Francisco Saturday, Jan. 22

Hula Bowl At Maui, Hawaii Saturday, Jan. 29 Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala North vs. South

Cardinals pile up points Triumph: USC a win away

#### C-USA champ Louisville wallops Cincinnati 70-7

BY CHRIS DUNCAN The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - As Louisville poured on the noints, linebacker Brandon Johnson was hoping the Cardinals' high-powered offense and opportunistic

special teams would slow down. Louisville struck quickly and often, beating Cincinnati 70-7 on Saturday to clinch its third Conference USA championship since 2000.

Montrell Jones caught two touchdown passes and returned a punt for a score, Eric Shelton rushed for 158 yards and Kolby Smith had three short TD runs for Louisville, which reached 70 points for the first time since 1955 despite having the ball for only

The quick strikes never gave Johnson and the de fense much of a breather.

"I told the guys after the game, 'You guys don't know anything about ball control," he said. "I mean, three plays, touchdown; one play, touchdown; two plays, touchdown. But that's how our offense plays. What are you going to do?

Johnson was part of the problem. He returned a blocked punt for a touchdown and Tiger Jones recovered another blocked punt in the end zone for Louisville (9-1, 7-0), which accepted the league champion's automatic bid to the Liberty Bowl after the

Louisville was No. 10 in the latest Bowl Championship Series standings but resigned to settling for the Dec. 31 game in Memphis.

"I'm excited to go to the Liberty Bowl," Montrell Jones said. "The closer you can play to New Year's Day, the better. The Cardinals were unfazed by gusty winds and

steady rain on Saturday, piling up 357 rushing yards and 491 total yards

Stefan LeFors, the nation's most efficient passer, had a quiet day in his final home game, going



Louisville's Eric Shelton knocks the helmet off of Cincinnati defender JaJuan Hall (38) after a 54-yard gain in Louisville's 70-7 victory on Saturday.

8-for-11 for 79 yards with a TD pass. LeFors didn't mind, even with his parents watching him from the

"I wasn't worried. The defense was making plays and the special teams were coming up big," LeFors

said. "It was a fun game to be in."

Cincinnati (6-5, 5-3), which had a four-game winning streak snapped, mustered only 186 yards with-out senior quarterback Gino Guidugli, who sat out with a broken bone in his throwing hand

Cincinnati backup quarterback Collin Carey, who had thrown only one pass this season, failed to move the Bearcats beyond their own 34 on their first three

The Bearcats had four turnovers and 50 total yards at halftime.

"We didn't do much of anything," Cincinnati coach Mark Dantonio said. "I wish I could point to one play and say, 'This is where it happened.'"

## from BCS title game

Palmer's big day was the cap-

per in a Heisman Trophy-winning season. Leinart has one more opportunity to influence the voters in a tightly packed Heisman race.

"I realize the stage was set for national TV," Leinart said.
"But I just do the stuff I've been

doing all year. Just be a leader, just make plays. I know a lot of people are saying stuff. I just go out and do my job." Leinart, a junior, completed 24

of 34 passes without throwing an interception. He has two or more touchdown passes in 22 of his 24 starts at USC and three or more 12 times. He threw for five TDs for the second time, tying the school record set by Rodney Peete and tied by Palmer.

Leinart has 66 touchdown passes in his career, including 28 this season with only five intercep-

With a light rain falling, Notre Dame stunned the Trojans and a sellout crowd of 92.611 by moving 92 yards on 13 plays the first time they had the hall for a 7-0 lead Brady Quinn capped the Irish's longest drive of the season by throwing a 1-yard pass to Billy Palmer on fourth down.

USC's Ryan Killeen kicked a 39-vard field goal late in the opening period, but the Irish responded by moving 73 yards to get into position for a 28-vard field goal D.J. Fitzpatrick, making it

Suddenly, the game turned. Notre Dame had trouble moving the ball, and USC couldn't be stopped, scoring on six of its next seven possessions. The only time the Trojans didn't score during that time was late in the first half when they ran out the clock

First, Leinart threw a 12-yard scoring pass to freshman Dwayne Jarrett, capping an 80-yard, seven-play drive. The same combination clicked on a 57-vard play to finish a 73-yard, four-play march, putting USC ahead for good with 2:06 left before half-

Killeen kicked a 42-vard field goal early in the third quarter to make it 20-10. After Fitzpatrick pulled a 39-yard field goal try, Leinart threw a 69-yard touch-down pass to Reggie Bush, and added a 35-yarder to Steve Smith early in the fourth quarter. Smith played for the first time

since breaking his right leg Oct. 9 against California. Leinart threw a 23-yard TD

pass to Jason Mitchell midway through the final period to complete the scoring one play after Notre Dame was called for pass interference on a fake punt.

Jarrett caught six passes for 102 yards and Smith had four receptions for 96 yards. Quinn completed 15 of 29 pass-

es for 105 yards. Ryan Grant led the Irish in rushing with 94 yards on 15 carries.

"At first, it was easy, and then we let it slip away," Quinn said. "I don't think this was the best defense we've seen this year. We just couldn't make the plays."

#### Greene gives Georgia 'thumbs-up

ATHENS, Ga. - David Greene

saw the game slipping away. His left thumb was hurting, but he wanted to go back in Good thing for Georgia that he did

After leading the No. 8 Bulldogs to an early lead over Georgia Tech, Greene returned at the end with a fractured thumb to make sure Georgia held on for a 19-13 victory Saturday.

"I felt the momentum slip ping," said Greene, who guided the Bulldogs to a crucial field goal late in the game. "I took my coat off. I took the brace off my thumb. If anything, I just wanted to give us a little spark."

Greene was hurt on Georgia's first series, fracturing the tip of the thumb on his throwing h just before he tossed a 28-yard touchdown pass to Fred Gibson. The senior quarterback played one more series before heading to the sideline, apparently to sit out the rest of the game.

Not so fast With just over seven minutes re-maining and the Bulldogs (9-2) struggling to preserve their fourth straight win over the Yellow Jackets (6-5), Greene trotted back on the field. He couldn't make any deep throws, and he worked only out of the shotgun to lessen the pain when taking the



But the mere presence of Greene - the winningest quarterback in major-college history seemed to have a calming influence on the offense, which struggled through most of the second half with backup D.J. Shockley at the helm

Greene completed a couple of passes on a 40-yard drive that set up Brandon Coutu's first career field goal, a 44-yarder with 2:22

"Greene wasn't at his best physically, but he was at his best in the leadership role and leading us to that last field goal," coach Mark Richt said, "Without it, we're probably still playing right now.

No. 16 Tennessee 37, Kentucky 31: At Knoxville, Tenn., Gerald Riggs ran 12 yards for a touchdown with 38 seconds remaining and Tennessee rallied to beat Kentucky for the 20th straight time.

The Volunteers (9-2, 7-1), who clinched a berth in the Southeastern Conference championship game last week, avoided embarrassment with a two touchdowns in the fourth quarter after trailing nearly the entire game.

Rick Clausen was 26-for-41 for 349 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions for the Vols

Shane Boyd threw two touchdowns to freshman Jacob Tamme and finished 20-for-32 for 218 yards for Kentucky (2-9, 1-7) Texas Tech 31, No. 23 Oklaho-

ma State 15: At Lubbock, Texas, Sonny Cumbie, the nation's leading passer, had a season-low 281 vards but threw three touchdowns to lead Texas Tech. Jarett Hicks caught his second

TD pass of the game, a 14-varder. midway through the fourth quarter to make it 24-15 for the Red Raiders (7-4, 5-3 Big 12). Taurean Henderson sealed the win with a 6-vard TD run.

The Cowboys (7-4, 4-4) have dropped four of six games, following a 5-0 start Tulsa 37, No. 24 UTEP 35: At

Tulsa, Okla., Ashlan Davis extended his own NCAA record with his fifth kickoff return for a touchdown this season and Tulsa beat a ranked opponent for the first time in more than eight years. Brandon Diles scored on two

short runs and Uril Parrish added 141 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries as the Golden Hurricane (3-8, 2-5 WAC) squandered a 17-point halftime lead before rallying for the win against the Miners (8-3, 6-2).

## **Boise St. finishes unbeaten, makes case for BCS**

BY SCOTT SONNER The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. - Boise State coach Dan Hawkins figures his 10th-ranked and undefeated Broncos have done everything they can to make a case for a spot in the Bowl Championship Series.

"Unfortunately, there is a lot of politics I'm not a great politician but our play speaks for itself," Hawkins said after his team heat Nevada 58-21 Saturday night for

their 22nd straight victory. Jared Zabransky passed for 244 yards and three touchdowns for Boise State (11-0, 8-0 in the Western Athletic Conference),

which has won 35 of its past 36 games. The Broncos have a chance to play in the BCS if California loses Dec. 4 to Southern Mississippi but otherwise are headed to the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 31 to face No. 7

Louisville in Memphis, Tenn "We've always wanted to play the best team we can and play in the best bowl we can. We'll see how things shake out," Hawkins said. "We controlled the things we can control. There are not a lot of undefeated teams still out there

Safety Cam Hall returned one interception 52 yards for a touchdown and another 64 yards to set up a late score for Boise State, which claimed its third consecutive WAC title with its record 26th straight league win, dating to 2001.

"That is huge because you know every-

one's bringing their 'A' game when they play Boise State," Hawkins said.

Jeff Rowe passed for 245 yards and a touchdown for Nevada (5-7, 3-5), which suffered its first loss at home this year and hasn't had a winning season since 1998.

T.J. Acree caught six passes for 105 yards, including an 11-yard touchdown. Zabransky completed 17-for-25 passes. Jon Hellmandollar scored on runs of 5 and 4 yards and Lee Marks rushed for 93 yards on 15 carries for the Broncos, whose winning streak is the best in Division I-A.

That is one fine football time," Nevada coach Chris Ault said. "They are certainly deserving of all the accolades. Any time you go undefeated, this is a very special

cos' run defense, which held Nevada to 70 vards rushing

"In my opinion, that is where their strength is." he said.

Broncos backup quarterback Legedu Naanee took the snap on a fake punt at midfield and ran 34 yards to set up Zabransky's 15-yard TD pass to Jason Murray 33 seconds before the half for a 28-7 halftime

Rowe threw a 10-yard TD pass to Adam Bishop to pull to within 28-14 early in the third quarter. But Zabransky passed 43 yards to Acree to set up Helmandollar's first score and put the Broncos up 35-14 in the third quarter. Ninety seconds later, Hall scored on the interception return.

#### College football scoreboard

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No. 15 Tennessee (9-2) beat Kentucky 37-31.
Next: vs. No. 3 Auburn, SEC champ., Saturday.
No. 16 Virginia (8-3) lost to No. 11 Virginia Tech 24-10. Next: vs. TBA.

No. 17 Boston College (8-3) lost to Syra-cuse 43-17. Next: vs. TBA. 

Saturday No. 1 USC 41, Notre Dame 10

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USC—FG Killeen 42, 9:16.
USC—Bush 69 pass from Leinart (Killeen ilck), 3:06.

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(Killeen kick), 12:27
USC-Mitchell 23 pass from Leinart
(Killeen kick), 6:57.
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No. 7 Louisville 70, Cincinnati 7 Lou-Milones 43 pass from LeFors (Car-Lou-Lou-Reference 7 (Car-Lou-Milones 43 pass from LeFors (Car-Lou-Lou-Reference 7 (Car-Lou-Johnson 7 blocked punt return (Car-mody kick), 0:05.

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sush 12-106, Smith 5-71, Jackson 1-9, Lerors -9, Brohm 1-4. Passing—Cincinnati, Murray 4-14-1-15, Carey 4-13-1-18. Louisville, LeFors 8-11-0-79, Carey 4:13-1-16. Louisvine, Lerors 8-11-0-79.

Brohm 2-4-0-55, Receiving—Cincinnati, Jones 3-18, Thomas 3-16, Hall 1-0, Benton 1-1minus-1). Louisville, M. Jones 3-57, Russell 2-48, McCauley 1-14, Barnidge 1-10, Shelton 1-8, Tinch 1-6, Smith 1-(minus-9).

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Ga—FG A.Bailey 36, 14;48.
Ga—R.Brown 3 pass from Shockley (kick failed), 5:17.

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VT—Hyman 45 pass from Randall (Pace kick), 5:41.

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TT-Hicks 2 pass from Cumble (Trlica kick), 8:36.
OS-Thompson 68 interception return (run failed), 3:06.

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## **BC** gets taken out of **BCS**

#### Syracuse's Diamond makes sure Eagles leave without a ring

BY JIMMY GOLEN
The Associated Press

BOSTON - If you can't join 'em, beat 'em.

Syracuse wasn't able to follow Boston College to the Atlantic Coast Conference or stop the Eagles from leaving the Big East. The one thing the Orange could do was deprive BC of a spot in the Bowl Championship Series and a farewell Big East title.

"We heard it all week," said defensive back turned running back Diamond Ferri, who scored two touchdowns on offense and one on defense to help Syracuse beat No. 17 Boston College 43-17 on Saturday. "If they want to leave the conference, we wanted to send them out with a loss."

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BC needed a victory for its first outright championship in a league that has been depleted by the defections of Miami and Virginia Tech to the ACC. The Eagles will join them next year but Syracuse, which tried to leave before being bypassed, made sure that

they left on a sour note.

Damien Rhodes ran for a 69-yard touchdown on
the game's first play from scrimmage and 107 yards
in all before leaving with a leg injury. With star tailback Walter Reyes already injured, the Orange (6-5,
4-2) turned to Ferri, a starting safety and former
high school running back.

"That's probably one of the biggest performances I've ever seen in my entire life, in any sport, to be able to come in and play big-time college football like that," Rhodes said of his understudy.

The Orange, who woke up Saturday morning still not eligible for a bowl, moved into a four-way tie with BC (8-3, 4-2), Pittsburgh and West Virginia for first place in the conference. Syracuse has a chance at a BCS game if Pittsburgh loses to South Florida next week, if Pitt wins, it would likely earn a Fiesta Bowl matchup with Utah.

"It gives us a share of the Big East championship. We've had a lot of special things that have happened here, but it's pretty special," Syracuse coach Paul Pasqualoni said. "I'm just going to enjoy that we're bowledichible."

BC will go to its sixth consecutive bowl game, but it will be a second- or third-tier event like the Insight or Gator. Athletic director Gene DeFilippo said six or more bowl games could be in play.

But the Fiesta and Sugar, BC's goals at the start of the day, are out.

"I suspect at 8-3 we will go somewhere, but who knows where we'll end up," coach Tom O'Brien said. "We need another football game, especially for the seniors. . . . For them, we need to play another football game."

Ferri, who ran for 141 yards two touchdowns, scored again on a 44-yard interception that made it 36-17 and sealed the victory in the fourth quarter.



Syracuse's Diamond Ferri (22) celebrates one of his two rushing touchdowns with teammate Adam Terry.

Ferri, a safety, also scored on an interception return.

## Pitt now Big East's likely BCS entry

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — This hardly seemed possible when Pitt needed frantic rallies to overcome Division I-AA Furman or Big East cellar dweller Temple. Or when the Panthers could barely move the ball against Ohio — not Ohio State but Ohio II

ball against Ohio — not Ohio State, but Ohio U.

The Panthers (7-3, 4-2) are the frontrunner for
the Big East's Bowl Championship Series bid during a rebuilding year, one season after they settled for a minor bowl with Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald.

Pitt's come-from-behind 16-13 victory over West Virginia on Thursday and Syracuse's 43-17 upset of No. 17 Boston College on Saturday forged a four-way tie for the Big East title among Pitt, Syracuse, Boston College and preseason favorite West Virginia.

vortic West virginia.
All flour own 4-2 Big East records, but Pitt and
Syracuse (6-5) share the tiebreaker with 2-1
records among the four tied teams. If Pittsburgh
beats South Florida (4-6) on Saturday to improve
to 8-3, the Panthers are virtually assured of the
BCS bid, probably to the Jan. 1 Fiesta Bowl to
play No. 5 Utah (11-0).

"It's all in our hands now," Pitt quarterback Tyler Palko said Saturday after watching the Syracuse upset.

The Panthers lost in double overtime to Syracuse 38-31 on Nov. 6 but haven't lost since, and it has upset ranked teams in its past two, Notre Dame and West Virginia.

Virginia Tech split end Josh Hyman (19) celebrates one of his two TDs with teammate David Clowney (87) during second half against Virginia.

## Hyman puts Hokies in line for ACC title

BY HANK KURZ JR.

The Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Bryan Randall is wrapping up his college career in style, putting Virginia Tech on the verge of an unexpected championship.

expected championship.

Randall threw two second-half
touchdown passes, and the
11th-ranked Hokies moved one
victory from an Atlantic Coast
Conference title with a 24-10 victory over No. 16 Virginia on Satur-

"The stakes just keep getting bigger," Randall said after leading the Hokies to their seventh consecutive victory and ninth in

Virginia Tech (9-2, 6-1) can win the league title — and a Bowl Championship Series berth — by winning next week at No. 9 Miami, the team that moved from the Big East to the ACC with the Hokies this season.

"To go down to Miami and get a win and the whole championship outright by ourselves in the first year, it would be phenomenal," Randall said.

"It would mean a lot to our whole team, the coaches, the program," said Randall, one of 19 seniors honored Saturday. "It would make people respect us. I think we've gained a lot of respect for what we've done."

The Hokies, picked to finish as low as eighth in the ACC this year, have done it by returning to the style of football that lifted them into the national elite a decade ago, using hard-nosed defense, big-play special teams and an efficient offense to wear down

And that senior quarterback has been a big part of it, too, mentoring a young receiving corps and playing the best football of his career.

their opponents.

"He plays his best when things look the worst," coach Frank Beamer said. "There's just something special about this kid. What a player."

Randall finished 16-for-22 for 200 yards, and passed Don Strock to become the career yardage leader at Virginia Tech. Strock ended his career with 6,009; Randall now has 6,061. He eclipsed Strock with a 12-yard pass to Jeff King on second-and-12 with 10 minutes left.

Randall celebrated on the next play, finding Josh Hyman against Tony Franklin for the second time, this one for 32 yards and a 17-10 lead.

"I wanted to throw it up there and give Hyman a chance," Randall said of the 5-foot.11 redshirt freshman, who stopped as Franklin ran by, then beat him to the end zone. "He made a play, just like on the other ball."

Earlier, Randall and Hyman teamed on a 45-yard scoring pass. Cedric Humes, who ran for 95 yards after Mike Imoh aggravated a strained hamstring, closed

the scoring on a 32-yard run with 5:08 left. Tech's defense and special teams made three big plays to thwart the Cavaliers (8-3, 5-3).

teams made three big plays to thwart the Cavaliers (8-3, 5-3), who were playing for a share of the ACC title.

First, the Hokies blocked a 45-yard field goal try by Connor Hughes to end Virginia's first series. Then, after a 78-yard run by Alvin Pearman helped give Virginia a first-and-goal at the 4, Tech's Jonathan Lewis pounced on a fumble by Wali Lundy.

And finally, in perhaps the biggest sequence of the game early in the fourth quarter, the Hokies led 10-7 and stopped three consecutive plays from their 1, forcing Virginia to end a 17-play, 78-yard march with just a tying field goal. "Guys just kept responding,"

Hokies defensive end Jim Davis said. "It's something I can't explain. It was so special. Guys just wanted to play. Guys wanted to go three-and-out and keep those guys from winning. "Every time our back was

"Every time our back was against the wall, our defense responded."

Virginia coach Al Groh saw it somewhat differently.

"I guess you don't need a calculator to see that we left 14 points out there," he said. "Clearly that's how we see it."

After the game, Virginia announced that it would decline any invitation to a bowl falling between Dec. 13-21 because of exams, taking the Cavaliers out of the running for the Champs Sports Bowl on Dec. 21.

## Iowa St. bumped from Big 12 title tilt BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER "It's been a very difficult five Iowa State couldn't convert in

The Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — With a kick and a pick, Missouri knocked Iowa State out of the Big 12 champion-

ship game.

Adam Crossett kicked a
25-yard field goal in overtime to
give Missouri the lead, and A.J.
Kincade intercepted a pass in the
end zone to preserve a 17-14 victory for the beleaguered Tigers on

Making just enough plays to salvage a sweet ending to a disappointing season, Missouri (5-6, 3-5 Big 12) broke a five-game losing streak and kept Iowa State from winning the Big 12 North outright. "It's been a very difficult five or six weeks, and the football team has worked very hard," said Missouri coach Gary Pinkel, who has taken much of the heat for the Tigers' struggles. "It's just very rewarding for me to see them smiling, laughing, feeling good about themselves."

Iowa State (6-5, 4-4) can take some consolation in getting a bowl bid for the fourth time in five years. But the Cyclones, whose last football championship came in 1912, had so much more within their grasp.

Bret Culbertson missed a 24-yard field goal attempt that could have won it regulation, and Iowa State couldn't convert in overtime on first-and-goal from the Missouri 3.

The Cyclones tied Colorado for first place in the North, but the Buffaloes advance to the conference championship game next Saturday against No. 2 Oklahoma in Kansas City because of their 19-14 victory over Iowa State on

"It makes you want to throw up," said linebacker Erik Anderson, his eyes still red from crying. "It's a sick feeling. We fought all day. There wasn't any lack of effort or lack of intensity or passion. Everyone came to play, ev-

eryone came to win.

"There's a lot sick guys in the locker room right now."

## E. Washington knocks off No. 1 S. Illinois

#### Six-time champ Georgia Southern falls; four Atlantic 10 teams among I-AA Final Eight

CARBONDALE, Ill. - Erik Meyer threw a 45-yard touch-down pass to Eric Kimble with 1:49 left and Eastern Washington beat top-ranked Southern Illinois 35-31 on Saturday in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA nlavoffs

Eastern Washington (9-3) will face Sam Houston State in the quarterfinals. Sam Houston routed Western Kentucky 54-24.

Meyer, who completed 31 of 44 passes for 437 yards, brought Eastern Washington back from a 17-7 halftime deficit and a 24-14 hole midway through the third quarter. His third TD pass of the game to Kimble capped a

#### NCAA I-AA plavoffs

five-play, 75-yard drive that took

just 42 seconds. Kimble caught 11 passes for 195 yards as Eastern Washington handed Southern Illinois its second loss in 12 games

In other games Saturday New Hampshire 27, Georgia Southern 23: At Statesboro, Ga., R.J. Harvey gave New Hamp shire its first lead on a 52-yard run early in the fourth quarter and the Wildcats made it stand

The Wildcats (10-2) trailed 21-6 early in the second quarter

but scored the game's last three touchdowns, handing Georgia Southern (9-3) the first first-round defeat in the school's proud history.

The Eagles, making their 15th playoff appearance, have won the Division I-AA championship six

New Hampshire joined Atlantic 10 members Delaware, William & Mary and James Madison in the quarterfinals, the first time a conference has had four teams advance that far in the Division I-AA playoffs.

Sam Houston St. 54, W. Kentucky 24: At Huntsville, Texas, former Texas A&M quarterback Dustin Long was 30-for-43 for 323 yards and four touchdowns for Sam Houston State (10-2).

Justin Haddix was 14-for-26 for 242 yards with two touchdowns and an interception for Western Kentucky (9-3)

Montana 56. Northwestern St. 7: At Missoula, Mont., Lex Hilliard ran for 171 yards and four touchdowns, and Craig Ochs touchdowns, passed for 234 yards and three

scores for Montana The Grizzlies (10-2) will face New Hampshire at home in the quarterfinals.

The 56 points were the most allowed by Northwestern State (8-4) since it became a I-AA school in 1977. Montana had 543 yards in total offense against the Demons, who led I-AA in total defense, allowing opponents just 250 yards per game this season.

William & Mary 42, Hampton 35: At Williamsburg, Va., Domi-ninique Thompson caught two down passes and returned a kickoff 92 yards in the fourth quarter to put William & Mary ahead for good.

Thompson had 118 receiving yards, Lang Campbell was 23-of-37 for 294 yards and Elijah Brooks ran for 120 yards for the Tribe (10-2)

William & Mary advanced to nlay Delaware Hampton finished the season

Delaware 28, Lafayette 14: At Newark, Del., quarterback Sonny Riccio ran for two touchdowns, and Garron Bible returned a fumvards for a late touchdown for Delaware (9-3).

Omar Cuff ran for 109 yards for the Blue Hens.

Lafayette finished the season

Furman 49, Jacksonville St. 7: At Greensville, S.C., former Flori-da starter Ingle Martin threw four touchdown passes to lead Furman to its first I-AA playoff victory in three years.

Furman, the 1988 national champs, hadn't won a playoff game since reaching the title game in 2001. The Paladins (10-2) will face James Madison in the quarterfinals.

Martin's touchdown passes gave him a school-record 21 for the season, surpassing the mark of 19 set by Furman coach Bobby Lamb in 1984. He also matched Lamb's record of four touchdown throws in a playoff win over Rhode Island in 1985

James Madison 14, Lehigh 13: At Bethlehem, Pa., Raymond Hines ran for 193 yards and a touchdown for James Madison (10-2). Quarterback Justin Rascati was 9-for-14 for 122 yards and also scored on a 9-yard run as James Madison advanced to the second round of the playoffs against Furman.

Mark Borda was 23-for-36 for 215 yards for Lehigh (9-3).

## Grand Valley ousted in Div. II

GRAND FORKS, N.D. - Backup quarterback Chris Belmore scored on a 2-yard run with 4:59 left and North Dakota beat two-time defending NCAA Division II champion Grand Valley State 19-15 in a quarterfinal playoff game Saturday.

Adam Wolff recovered a fumble at the Grand Valley 29 to set up the winning TD for North Dakota (11-2). Cullen Finnerty threw two touchdown passes for the Lakers (10-3), who had won 10 straight playoff games. The Sioux, who ran their home

winning streak to 18 games, host Pittsburg State next week in the semifinals

Pittsburg St. 50, NW Missouri 36: At Pittsburg, Kan., Neal Philpot ran for 131 yards and passed for 50, and Germaine Race rushed for 130 vards for top-ranked Pittsburg State (13-0) broke

The Gorillas 118-year-old NCAA all-division scoring record, finishing the game with 774. Harvard set the previous record of 765 in 1886 in a 14-game season.

Northwest Missouri finished the season 12-2.

West Chester Stroudsburg 38: At East Stroudsburg, Pa., Osagie Osunde ran for 144 yards and three touchdowns. and Bob Findora was 18-of-25 for 358 yards and four TDs for West Chester (11-3)

West Chester will face Valdosta State in the semifinals.

Jim Terwilliger was 15-of-25 for 309 yards and four TDs and rushed for 82 yards on 15 carries for East Stroudsburg (10-2). NCAA II-III plavoffs

Valdosta St. 38, Albany St. 24: At Albany, Ga., Vincent Brown ran for one touchdown and caught a pass for another to help Valdosta State (12-1) overcome a 24-point halftime deficit to end Albany State's 19-game winning streak.

Brown had 66 of his team's 161 yards on the ground, including a 1-yard touchdown run in the sec-ond half, while Fabian Walker threw for 203 yards and a touchdown, including a 26-yard strike to Brown

Albany State, which beat Valdosta State 24-22 in the season opener, finished 11-1.

#### Division III

Mount Union 27, Wheaton 6: At Alliance, Ohio, Jeff Strauch ran for 206 yards and two scores, and quarterback Zac Bruney rushed for 145 vards and a touchdown to help Mount Union beat Wheaton in the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs Mount Union (11-0) ran 46

times for 399 yards — an average of 8.7 yards — while holding Wheaton (9-2) to 123 yards on 51 carries

Mount Union, which has won seven Division III titles since 1993, advanced to play Carthage in the quarterfinals

Carthage 14, Wooster 7: At Wooster, Ohio, Luke Thompson returned the opening kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown and Jim Cichon scored on a fumble recovery for Carthage (11-1).

Crosse 14: At McMinnville, Ore., Brett Elliott passed for 456 yards and five touchdowns and Casey Allen caught eight passes for 168 yards and two TDs for the Wildcats (10-0), who play Occidental in the quarterfinals.

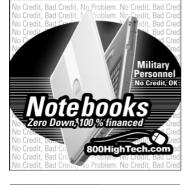
Occidental 42, Concordia-Moorhead 40: At Fargo, N.D., Occidental (10-1) forced Concordia's Brian Schumacher to fumble on a 2-point conversion at-tempt with 2:54 left. Schumach-15-yard TD pass to Shawn Reile had brought Concordia (11-1) within reach of a tie to force overtime.

Rowan 45, Hobart, N.Y. 14: At Glassboro, N.J., Mike Orihel threw three touchdown passes and Pat Thompson ran for 153 vards and two scores for Rowan (9-2), which faces Delaware Valley in the quarterfinals.

Delaware Valley 26. St. John Fisher 20: At Doylestown, Pa., Adam Knoblauch scored on a 2-ward run with 9 seconds left to lift Delaware Valley (12-0) to its 14th straight victory

Mary Hardin-Baylor 42, Har-din-Simmons 28: At Abilene, Texas, Chad Starnes ran for 120 vards and two touchdowns and Josh Welch threw three TD passes for Mary Hardin-Baylor (11-1), which will face Washington & Jefferson in the quarterfi-

Washington & Jefferson 24, Christopher Newport 14: At Washington, Pa., Chris Edwards threw for 293 yards and two touchdowns to lead Washington & Jefferson (12-0). Edwards completed 26 of 42 passes for the Presidents.





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#### Barrera outslugs Morales

BY TIM DAHLBERG
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Marco Antonio Barrera and Erik Morales put on a classic the first time they fought four years ago. They matched it again in their third fight Saturday night, only this time the result was different.

Barrera won a majority decision to take the WBC 130-pound title in a wild slugfest that was every bit the equal of the battle the two fought in 2000 that many declared the fight of the year.

After 12 rounds of almost nonstop action, Barrera held two fingers in the air to signify his second win in a row over Morales, who stared in disbelief as the decision was read.

"I did this fight to show all boxing fans that this is what boxing is all about," Barrera said.

The fight between the two Mexican warriors was their third in four years — with Morales winning the first and Barrera the sec-

Like the first fight, this one was in doubt until the scorecards were read before a wildly enthusiastic crowd that filled the MGM Grand hotel arena

Barrera was favored 115-113 on one card and 115-114 on a second. The third judge had it 114-114. The Associated Press also had the fight even, 114-114.

"My body didn't respond to what I wanted it to do," Morales said. "I don't know why."

Before a loud crowd that seemed split between the two fighters, Morales and Barrera gave them all something to cheer for in a fight that began at a furious pace and rarely slackened.

It was reminiscent of their first fight in 2000 in which the two box rest traded more than 1,500 punches before Morales won a split decision. They did the same thing Saturday night, but this time it was Barrera on top, just as he was in their first rematch two vears ago.

Punch stats showed Barrera landing 290 of 765 punches to 231 of 808 for Morales.

"It was the most rewarding fight of my career," Barrera said. Morales was a 3-1 favorite in a

Morales was a 3-1 favorite in a fight that matched two boxers with no love for each other who both enjoyed big followings from their respective parts of Mexico. The animosity showed when Morales refused to touch gloves on several occasions and after the ninth round when Barrera threw a late punch and Morales had to be restrained from going after him.

When Barrera went over to Morales at the end of the fight to shake his hand, Morales threw water in Barrera's father's face.

Morales was bleeding from the nose from the early rounds on and his left eye was swelling by the eighth round from getting hit with left hooks by Barrera. But he gave as good as he got and the



Marco Antonio Barrera celebrates his win over Erik Morales, of Mexico, after their WBC super featherweight title fight.

two stood and slugged toe-to-toe throughout the fight.

Barrera was fighting for the first time at 130 pounds, but he seemed to be the stronger fighter in the early rounds, landing some thundering left hooks to the body and head. Morales came back with straight right hands and both were willing to stand and mix it up with every punch

"I felt a little tight early, I couldn't get my jab off," Morales said. "I know I gave away a lot of early rounds."

Both fighters rocked the other with punches, but neither went down and both were fighting with the same intensity in the 12th round as they were in the first.

In the final two rounds, the two fought furiously as the crowd stood on its feet cheering them on. Early in the 12th round, Barrera seemed to slip and Morales went after him but he righted himself and did not go down.

Barrera seemed to tire in the final round, but the two were still swinging wildly as the bell sounded to end the fight.

Morales won the first fight between the two by split decision in 2000, a classic in which they traded more than 1,500 punches between them and the result was still in doubt in the final round.

That fight was fought at 122 pounds, and when they met two years later they fought at 126 pounds.

Barrera came back to win the second fight on a unanimous decision, turning from brawler to boxer and frustrating Morales in the late rounds.

Barrera, though, took a beating at the hands of Manny Pacquia last November, and had to undergo special licensing from Nevada boxing officials after it was revealed he had brain surgery several years ago and had a metal plate in his head

On the undercard, Ivan Calderon remained unbeaten and kept his 105-pound title Saturday night with a lopsided decision win over challenger Carlos Fajardo.

In other title fights, Rafael Mar-118-pound title in a rematch with Mauricio Pastrana of Colombia when the fight was stopped on cuts after eight rounds and Oscar Larios of Mexico retained his 122 pound title with a 12-round decision over Australia's Nedal Hussein.

## **Russia wins first Fed Cup**

BY LEONID CHIZHOV

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia edged defending champion France 3-2 to claim its first Fed Cup title Sunday, with Anastasia Myskina and

Vera Zvonareva beating Marion Bartoli and Emilie Loit 7-6 (5), 7-5 in the decisive doubles match. Russia had lost its four previous Fed Cup finals.

The two-day final was tied 1-1 heading into Sunday, and Myskina beat Nathalie Dechy 6-3, 6-4 to put Russia ahead 2-1. But U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuzneto va wasted a chance to clinch the title, losing to 16-year-old Tatiana Golovin 6-4. 6-1

Myskina had a hand in each of Russia's three points in the best-of-five final. She easily beat Golovin on Saturday. In the doubles, the French pair wasted four set points while serving for the opener at 6-5, and French Open champion Myskina converted a break point after the game's fifth deuce with a backhand winner. Russia trailed in the tiebreaker, too, but came back

In the second set, the Russians broke for a 6-5 lead, then served it out at love in front of a home crowd that included former president Boris Yeltsin, a big tennis

other backhand winner by Myski-

Earlier, Kuznetsova struggled to hold her serve against Golovin, and committed 46 unforced errors only a day after making 77 mistakes in a three-set loss to Dechy to open the final. "My tactics for the match were wrong and I didn't realize it during the match." Kuznetsova said.

Myskina broke Dechy in the opening game and served out the

In the second, Myskina broke in the first game again, but the Frenchwoman struck back. Myskina, however, broke again and kept attacking, not allowing Dechy to come to the net.

"I had no choice today but go on the court and win the match. The match was rather simple. There's no difficulty playing against Nathale," said Myskina, who scored her fifth consecutive victory over Dechy. "Mentally I wasn't tired. It was more physically. I couldn't move on the court as fast as I did yesterday,"

#### Bears expected to sign QB George

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Struggling desperately at quarterback, the Chicago Bears intend to sign veteran Jeff George, a team source said Saturday night.

The Bears will sign George on Monday, the source said on the

condition of anonymity.

The 36-year-old George is a
12-year veteran who has not

played since he was released by the Washington Redskins in 2001. Chicago's quarterback woes began in the third week of the season when starter Rex Grossman sustained a season-ending knee

Backup Jonathan Quinn struggled and was replaced by rookie Craig Krenzel.

The Bears went on a three-game winning streak with Krenzel as a starter, but he was shaky and turnover prone as Chicago lost its last two games. Krenzel was knocked out of Thursday's loss to Dallas with a sprained ankle, and Quinn was ineffective again as his replacement.

The Bears (4-7) are expected to turn to third-stringer Chad Hutchinson on Monday and give him the start on Dec. 5 against the Minnesota Vikings. Hutchinson is a former major league pitcher with the St. Louis Cardinals who started nine games as a rookie with the St. Woboys in 2002.

Earlier this season, the Bears gave a tryout to former Browns and Packers quarterback Tim Couch before deciding not to sign him.

George, who played college football at Illinois, entered the NFL in 1990 with the Colts. He also played with the Falcons, Raiders, Vikings and Redskins. He completed 58 percent of his passes during a 131-game career, throwing for 154 touchdowns with 113 interceptions.

#### U.S. wins 4-man bobsled race

WINTERBERG, Germany — A U.S. sled piloted by Todd Hays edged Russia by 0.01 seconds Sunday to win the four-man bobsled World Cup opener. The race was so close that the

The race was so close that the two sleds that tied for fourth fin-

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ished just 0.05 seconds behind the Americans.

Hays and his team had a fast second heat of 54.72 seconds to finish in 1 minute, 49.56 seconds, catching the Russian sled piloted by Alexander Subkov at 149.57. Hays' team was made up of Pavel Jovanovic, Bill Schuffenhauer and Steve Mesler. They trailed the Russians after the first rule of the State of the State of the State The Swiss team led by Martin The Swiss team led by Martin

Annen was third, 0.01 seconds behind the Russians.

#### U.S. relay team loses medals

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — The United States was stripped of its 1,600-meter relay gold medal from the 2003 world championships on Sunday because of Calvin Harrison's second doping violation

The gold instead goes to France, with Jamaica getting the silver and the Bahamas the bronze, the world governing body of track and field said.

Harrison was found guilty of using the stimulant modafinil at the U.S. championships in June 2003. He had contended that modafinil wasn't specifically mentioned on the official list of banned substances at the time.

Harrison had a chance to appeal the ruling, but the International Association of Athletics Federations said he is too late

Ten years earlier, Harrison tested positive for the stimulant pseudoephedrine during the 1993 U.S. junior indoor championships and served a three-month ban.

As a two-time offender, the 400-meter star was suspended for two years in early August this year and dropped from the American team for the Athens Olympics. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency also ordered him to forfeit his relay gold medal from last year's words in Paris, and all his results from the time of the test have been mullified.

Harrison ran the opening leg of the relay final. The other three runners — Tyree Washington, Derrick Brew and Jerome Young — will lose their medals, too. They will go to French runners Leslie Djhone, Naman Keita, Stephane Diagana and Marc Raquil.

Young has since been banned for life by the USADA for his second doping violation in a case that could result in the American 1,600 relay team from the 2000 Sydney Olympics — including Michael Johnson — losing its gold medals. The Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, is yet to rule on that case.

#### Dodd edges Bjorn in China

SHANGHAI, China — Wales' Stephen Dodd won the China Open for his first PGA European Tour title, shooting a 4-under 68 on Sunday for a three-stroke victory over Denmark's Thomas Biorn.

Dodd, 58th on the European money list last season, had a 12-under 276 total on the Silport

Bjorn, the top-ranked player in the field at No. 31, also shot a 68

the field at No. 31, also shot a 68. England's Steve Webster (68) tied for third at 6 under with Australia's Jason Dawes (66) and Thai stars Chawalit Plaphol (66) and Thaworn Wiratchant (68). Dawes had a hole-in-one the par-3 eighth, the 11th ace of his career.

#### Oberholser wins in Korea

JEJU, South Korea — American Arron Oberholser earned SI million in the Shinhan Korea Golf Championship on Sunday, closing with a 3-under 69 for a two-stroke victory in the first PGA Tour-sanctioned Challenge Season event in Asia.

Oberholser, winless in two full seasons on the PGA Tour after winning twice on the Nationwide Tour in 2002, had a 4-under 284 total on the Jungmun course. He had five birdies and two bogeys in the final round.

Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez, the third-round leader at 2 under, shot a 72 to tie for second with South Korea's Kevin Na (70).

South Africa's Trevor Immelman had a 65, the best round of the day, to finish fourth at 1 under. Tim Petrovic (70) and Sweden's Daniel Chopra (71) followed at 1 over.

## Steelers defense contains Redskins, extends streak

By ALAN ROBINSON The Associated Press

PITTSRURGH - No team needs a lot of offense these days to beat the Redskins. Antwaan Randle El and Jerome Bettis gave the Pittsburgh Steelers just enough to keep their longest winning streak in 28 years going

Randle El, making only his second NFL start at receiver, took care of the big plays and Bettis again handled the short yardage his fourth consecutive 100-vard game to lead the Steelers past Washington 16-7 Sunday.

The Steelers' nine-game winning streak is their longest since They are 10-1 for the first time since 1975, the second of their four Super Bowl championship seasons.

Just like those Steel Curtain days, the Steelers are increasingrelying on the NFI's top-ranked defense as opponents come up with ways to contain unbeaten quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. The rookie had his second straight low-production game (9-of-20, 131 yards, four sacks) while constantly sidestepping Washington's pass rush, but it hardly made any difference even as Pittsburgh was held to 207

the Redskins' coverage team on punt returns of 60 and 43 yards to set up two first-half scores. Bettis' 4-yard touchdown run - his 11th of the season - and the first of Jeff Reed's three field goals on a blustery, windy day,

Randle El, making a spot start for the injured Plaxico Burress (hamstring), also made two catches for 37 yards and drew a 32-yard pass interference penalty, though it didn't result in any

Bettis was a surprise starter when Duce Staley unexpectedly sat out a fourth straight game sponded with 100 yards on 31 carries. Bettis' 47th career 100-yard game matches Franco Harris' team record. Bettis last had four consecutive 100-yard games in the Steelers' second through fifth games in 2001

The Redskins (3-8), headed for one of the lowest-scoring seasons in NFL history, were held to 156 vards and to single-digit scoring for a second consecutive game, following a 28-6 loss to Philadelphia. They haven't score more than 18 points all season.

Washington was held to 50 yards as Pittsburgh opened a 13-0 lead in the first half, and mounted

second half in quarterback Patrick Ramsev's second start of the season

With team rushing leader Clinton Portis sitting out - he was held to 17 yards on six carries — the Redskins drove 79 yards in 13 plays early in the third quarter for Ramsey's 2-yard scoring pass Cooley Chris

fourth-and-goal, cutting it to 13-7. The only other time Washington threatened, with the fourth quarter winding down and Pitts-burgh up 16-7, Ramsey (19-of-34, 138 yards) underthrew Laveranues Coles and Deshea Townsend intercepted on a first-and-10 play

from the Steelers 40. For Steelers coach Bill Cowher it was his fourth victory in six weeks over a high-profile NFL coach - in this case, three-time Super Bowl winner Joe Gibbs. The Steelers also recently beat Super Bowl-winning coaches Bill Belichick of New England and Bill Parcells of the Cowboys and Eagles coach Andy Reid, whose team has played in the last three NFC title games.

Roethlisberger won his 22nd consecutive start - his first nine in the NFL and his last 13 at Miami of Ohio.

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Dallas at Seattle

## Illini rip Gonzaga; Wake is next Duke trims

#### Illinois shows power, balance in dominating Wooden game

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - After three straight blowouts, No. 5 Illinois looking forward to its first real test against No. 24 Gonzaga. Now it looks like the Illini will



until top-ranked Wake Forest comes to Champaign, Ill., on Wednesday.

Deron Williams and Luther Head each scored 20 points to lead Illinois to an 89-72 victory over Gonzaga in the John Wood en Tradition game

The Illini (4-0) set the tone from the opening tip, using superior three-point shooting and suffocating defense to dominate the Bulldogs (3-1) and set up an early-season showdown with the Demon Deacons (3-0), who won the Preseason NIT on Friday

We just came out and tried to make a statement, show we're for real," Williams said.

Illinois made 14 of 28 three-pointers and scored 29 points off 19 Gonzaga turnovers to turn the game into a rout in the first five minutes.

"We were thoroughly dominated today, in every phase of the game," Bulldogs coach was to said. "There were times it didn't appear we belonged out there on the court.

Adam Morrison led Gonzaga with 26 points and 11 rebounds and Ronny Turiaf had 12 points and nine rebounds.

Williams got the Illini started on an 11-0 run early in the first half, and Illinois didn't look back Illinois forced seven turnovers in the first five minutes, which led to 14 points and an 18-4 lead.

No. 6 Oklahoma St. 73, Sam Houston St. 57: At Stillwater, Okla Joey Graham scored 25



Illinois guards Luther Head, left, and Dee Brown, middle, celebrate with center Jack Ingram during the first half of Saturday's Wooden Tradition game in Indianapolis. No. 5 Illinois walloped No. 24 Gonzaga 89-72.

points, John Lucas III added 17 and Oklahoma State recovered from another subpar first half to beat Sam Houston State.

Graham scored 18 points in the second half, and Lucas had 14 of his 17 after the break to help the (3-0) overcome six-point halftime deficit. Othello Alford led Sam Houston State (1-4) with 13 points.

No. 16 Pittsburgh 93, Loyola Md. 57: At Pittsburgh, Chevon Troutman and Chris Taft dominated much-smaller Lovola, Md., inside at both ends of the floor and Pittsburgh cruised to its third consecutive victory against weak op-

The 6-foot-10 Taft and the 6-foot-7 Troutman were in control from the start against Lovola (0-3), which hasn't had a winning season since going to the NCAA tournament in 1994 under current Wake Forest coach Skin

Troutman finished with 17 points and six rebounds, and Taft had 12 points and eight rehounds Antonio Graves, sidelined for Pitt's opener with a sore ankle. added 12 points and Ronald Ramon and Yuri Demetris scored 10 each

No. 22 Washington 79, No. 19 ma 76: At Anchorage, Alaska, Will Conroy had 18 points and six assists to help Washington win the Great Alaska Shootout.

Washington (4-0) led the entire second half, but barely avoided overtime when Alabama's Kennedy Winston missed a wild three-pointer at the buzzer.

The Huskies' Nate Robinson finished with 16 points and was selected the tournament's outstanding player. Tre Simmons, starting in place of the injured Brandon Roy, had 15 points and nine rends, and Bobby Jones also had 15 points.

Chuck Davis led Alabama (4-1) with 23 points and 19 rebounds.

Pepperdine 75, No. 20 Wisconsin 61: At Malibu, Calif., Glen McGowan scored 29 points to help Pepperdine beat Wisconsin for its fourth straight victory

Alex Acker added 17 points and seven assists for the Waves

(4-1), who defeated a ranked opponent for the first time since beating Gonzaga 88-79 on Jan. 8,

Alando Tucker scored 18 points for Wisconsin (2-1).

No. 23 Florida 84, Providence 66: At Miami, Matt Walsh scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half, helping Florida defeat Provi-

dence — the alma mater of Ga-tors coach Billy Donovan. Anthony Roberson had 17 oints, David Lee added 16 and

aurean Green 13 for the Gators (3-0), who never trailed. Ryan Gomes had 17 points for Provi-dence (4-2), which was playing its third game in four days. Tuukka Kotti had a career, high

— 16 in the first half — for the Friars, who lost to No. 1 Wake Forest in Wednesday's Preseason NIT semifinals, beat Michigan in Friday's consolation game at Madison Square Garden, then board-ed a charter flight to Miami and faced the Gators 17 hours after

## Greensboro to set stage for Mich. St.

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. - Duke got the tuneup it needed before facing Michigan State.

Shelden Williams had 16 points and 11 rebounds Saturday night, one of six Blue Devils in double figures in a 98-44 rout of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Daniel Ewing and J.J. Redick also scored 16 points for the No. 9 Blue Devils (3-0), who built a 20-point lead midway through the first half and were unchallenged thereafter by their in-state rival from the Southern Conference

It was a good way to rebound from an off night in a 74-61 defeat of Davidson, also from the Southern Conference And for a team that came in shooting just 41 percent this season, it was a confidence boost before hosting No. 10 Michigan State on Tuesday night.

'We wanted to use this game as a way to gain momentum for the rest of the week," Redick said.

The Blue Devils had won the previous four over UNC. Greens boro (2-1) by an average of nearly 39 points, and practically turned Saturday's meeting into a collection of highlight-reel moments Duke shot 53 percent, hit 15 three-pointers and used its superior size and athleticism to smother the Spartans.

No. 10 Michigan State 102, Nicholls State 52: At East Lansing, Mich., Michigan State coach Tom Izzo wasn't happy despite a 50-point victory in his 300th

The Spartans posted their third straight 100-point game, but Iz-zo's team now faces a real test at No. 9 Duke in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Tuesday. Following that is a possible meeting with No. 13 Maryland in a tournament in Washington, D.C.

"I guess teams go through this all over the country when they play this kind of schedule," Izzo said of a 104-72 rout over Florida A&M and 104-46 win against Wisconsin-Green Bay. "It has given us a false sense of security that, thank God, will end on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday

Michigan State (3-0) had every reason to feel secure about the outcome against the Colonels (0-3). Maurice Ager scored 19 points, Kelvin Torbert added 16, Shannon Brown and Alan Anderson had 15 apiece and Paul Davis had 11 for a team that has aver-

aged 103.3 points. The main thing we've learned is that we can't let up," Ager said. Today, we were playing a smaller team and could pound the ball inside. Against Duke, we'll have to be almost perfect if we want to prove we've grown, that we're not the same team as last year.'

The Blue Devils beat Michigan State 72-50 last season, a loss that stayed with the Spartans for

Izzo in his 10th season has a 210-90 record.

McNamara too much as Syracuse rolls "We didn't expect to destroy

BY JOHN KEKIS The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Gerry Mc-Namara did it all for No. 4 Syracuse, scoring 29 points and making the first dunk of his college career. And he even managed to survive a couple of headlong dives, one of which left him sprawled in the Siena band.

Hakim Warrick and Josh Pace each added 13 points Saturday to help the Orange to a 78-56 victory over Siena. Syracuse took an 18-2 lead in the first five minutes and led comfortably thereafter.

McNamara, Syracuse's best outside shooter, paced the early surge with a layup and a dunk after a steal and court-long dash He then completed a four-point play after hitting his 200th career three-pointer The scrappy Saints, who had

12 steals, regrouped and rallied back to 23-14 on a three-pointer from the left wing by Tay Fisher, who finished with 12 points. But every time Siena seemed on the verge of making it a game, Mc-Namara struck back

"I pride myself in making the ones when I need to. When you jump on a team early and keep them there, it's not too bad," said McNamara, who leaped out of bounds for loose balls in the second half, toppling a photogra-pher once and landing in the Siena band the other time

these guys, not in the least. We knew that they were a good team. Coach said not to underestimate them, they have a couple of losses, but in every loss a little dry spell cost them

That dry spell occurred early in this one, but over the final 35 minutes Syracuse outscored Siena by only 60-54.

"It had a funny feeling. It was kind of a close game the whole game," said Warrick, who had 15 rebounds and three steals. "If we were up 15 or 17, it never felt like that. It always felt like they were a few shots from tying it or being right back in the game."

It was the first time Syracuse

had played in the building in which it beat Auburn and Oklahoma to earn a berth in the NCAA tournament Final Four on the way to winning the 2003 national championship

"I could live in here," said Mc-Namara, who was 6-for-14 on three-pointers. "That's the way I felt last time. It's fun to be back. Syracuse (5-0) got its 29th

straight victory over an in-state foe. Siena (0-5) shot 32.3 percent and was outrebounded 54-29. "We did a good job defensively

the whole game," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "We didn't identify Fisher a couple of times, but we did a good job on (Michael) Haddix," who led Siena with 15 points.

#### NBA scoreboard

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Cleveland	9	4	.692	- 1								
Detroit	6	7	.462	4								
Milwaukee	4	7	.364	5								
Chicago	1	10	.091	8								

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Memphis	5	9	.357	6								
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#### Bucks 96, Pistons 90

## James hits 2,000th point

#### Cavaliers star is youngest to milestone

CLEVELAND. LeBron James scored 26 points to become the youngest player in NBA histo-ry to reach 2,000 in a career, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 96-74 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Saturday night.

James, who turns 20 on Dec. 30, reached the milestone faster

NBA roundup than the Lakers' Kobe Bryant, who was 20 years, 183 days old when he scored his 2.000th point.

Jeff McInnis scored 16 points for Cleveland, which won for the ninth time in 10 games and handed the Bulls their 10th loss in 11

Eddy Curry scored 20 points to lead Chicago, which went 1-6 on a seven-game trip.

James hit a 16-foot fadeaway jumper with 1:03 remaining in the third quarter to reach 2,000 That was his final shot in the game because he went to the bench after three quarters with the Cavaliers comfortably ahead 76-52

The reigning NBA rookie of the year hit six of his first seven shots and had 17 points in the first half. He finished 11-for-17 from the field, mostly on slam dunks and spin moves to the basket.

The most sensational was a resounding slam off an alley-oop pass from McInnis that sparked the Cavaliers on an 18-7 run early in the third quarter.

Bobcats 107. Hawks 92: Reserve Eddie House scored 17 points and Emeka Okafor had 14 points and 10 rebounds for his fourth straight double-double for Charlotte.

Reserve Keith Bogans added 15 points for the expansion Bobcats, who won their third game —

Al Harrington scored 27 points and Antoine Walker 24 in Atlanta's sixth straight loss. The struggling Hawks failed to score 100 points for the 13th straight game.

Magic 105, 76ers 99: Grant Hill scored 29 points and Steve Francis added 26, leading the Magic to their fourth win in five

Francis had 15 in the fourth quarter, including six in the final 48 seconds to seal the home win and put the Magic into first place by percentage points over the Miami Heat.

Allen Iverson had 27 points and 10 assists for his third straight double-double for Philadelphia Defended for much of the night by Jameer Nelson - the consensus college player of the year at Saint Joseph's last season — Iver-son shot just 7-for-25 against his fellow Philadelphia hoops sensa-

Marc Jackson had 17 points and a season-best 11 rebounds for the Sivers who have lost four straight on the road.

Knicks 108, Raptors 102: Jamal Crawford scored 30 points. Stephon Marbury had 18 points



Magic forward Grant Hill dunks against the 76ers in the second quarter of Saturday's victory, which put Orlando in first place in the Southeast.

and 15 assists and Tim Thomas scored 17 to lead New York past visiting Toronto.

Nazr Mohammed and Kurt Thomas reached double figures in both points and rebounds as the Knicks avenged a 23-point loss to the Rantors three days earlier.

The Raptors went on an 11-0 run in the closing minutes to make it a one-point game, but Crawford hit a pair from the line with 20 seconds left, and Vince Carter missed a driving left-handed runner.

Nuggets 82, Rockets 76: Andre Miller scored 20 points and Kenvon Martin had 19 as Denver picked up its first road

The Nuggets had a scare in the third quarter when Carmelo Anthony sprained his right ankle. He hit the floor hard on a foul by Bob Sura with 2:21 left in the period and stayed down for several minutes before being helped off the floor.

X-rays were negative and Anthony is day-to-day.

Tracy McGrady and Scott Padgett each had 14 points for Houston, which lost its third in a

Mavericks 98, Grizzlies 85: Dirk Nowitzki scored 32 points and grabbed 18 rebounds in Dallas' victory in Memphis, sending the Grizzlies to their second loss in as many games since Hubie Brown retired suddenly as coach

Jerry Stackhouse added 20 points, Erick Dampier 16 and Josh Howard 12 for Dallas, which won its second straight after a three-game losing streak.

Mike Miller led Memphis with 20 points, and Pau Gasol had 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Grizzlies It was the team's first home appearance since Brown announced his retirement Thursday, citing unspecified health reasons. Lionel Hollins is filling in on an interim hasis

Grizzlies owner Michael Heis ley said that former Atlanta and Cleveland coach Mike Fratello met with president of basketball operation Jerry West about the position. Fratello has been mentioned as the replacement for the 71-year-old Brown.

Spurs 109, Jazz 76: Malik Rose scored a season-high 16 points and the Spurs made nine of their first 10 shots at home

Manu Ginobili added 15 points, Tony Parker and Devin Brown each had 14 and Tim Duncan had 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Spurs, who shot 12-for-16 in the opening quarter.

The Jazz played most of the night without Andrei Kirilenko. their No. 2 scorer and rebounder He went down with a sprained right knee in a collision with San Antonio's Beno Udrih early in the second quarter.

Bucks 96, Pistons 90: In Milwaukee, Michael Redd scored 20 of his 29 points in the second half, Keith Van Horn added 20 points and the Bucks ended a six-game losing streak.

Maurice Williams added 10

points and a career-high 13 assists for the Bucks, who last beat New Orleans 94-91 on Nov 13

Tayshuan Prince and Rasheed Wallace each scored 20 points to

lead the Pistons. Detroit was again

All-Star center Ben Wallace, who was serving the fifth game of his six-game suspension for his Nov. 19 fight with Indiana Pacers star Ron Artest. The Pistons are 2-3 without Wallace in the lineup.

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# Triumph of the Trojans





BC's hopes for Big East title intercepted by Syracuse Page 30



BY JOHN NADEL

LOS ANGELES — For one quarter, Notre Dame was better than No. 1 Southern California.

Then the Trojans got serious and the Fighting Irish had no chance.

Matt Leinart made a big pitch for the Heisman Trophy, passing for a career-high 400 yards and a school record-tying five touchdowns, and the Trojans overcame a sluggish start to beat Notre Dame 41-10 on Saturday night.

The Fighting Irish gained 165 yards and scored 10 points on their first two possessions. They were blanked and picked up only 135 yards after that.

"They came out and punched us in the mouth," USC defensive lineman Shaun Cody said. "Give them credit. Everyone stepped up, made a little adjustment on defense. It was nothing big, we just played more physically against them."

And Leinart began finding his receivers with regularity, throwing for 335 yards after the opening period.

"Matt played great tonight," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "He had great vision, the protection was really there for him. He had an opportunity to freewheel. He made some real good decisions.

"This is just another statement from Matt. He's been doing this for two years. This was no different. The opportunity was there for him tonight, and he seized it."

The win was USC's 20th straight and 21st in a row at the Los Angeles Coliseum — a new school record. The Trojans haven't lost at home since being beaten by Stanford 21-16 on Sept. 29, 2001. That team was coached by current Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham.



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Southern Cal's David Kirtman, top left, celebrates Steve Smith's fouth-quarter touchdown against Notre Dame in Los Angeles on Saturday. It was the fourth of five touchdown passes thrown by leading Heisman Trophy candidate Matt Leinart, above, in top-ranked USC's 41-10 victory.

"They found ways to make the big plays and we didnt," was Willingham's appraisal of this game. "That's what makes USC such an explosive team — the ability to generate big plays. They are No. 1 for a reason. The game was right there to be had — we just couldn't grab it."

The victory gave the Trojans (11-0, 7-0 Pac-10) their best record since 1972, when they went 12-0 and won the national championship.

More importantly, USC's 34th victory in 37 games since the start of the 2002 season kept its current national title hopes alive.

Should the Trojans beat UCLA (6-4) next weekend in their regular-season finale, they will almost surely secure a spot in the Orange Bowl for the Bowl Championship Series title.

Carroll has a chance to become the first coach to guide the Trojans to victories over both the Irish and Bruins — USC's biggest rivals — in three straight seasons. Notre Dame (6-5) leads the series 42-29-5 and had a 15-3-1 record against the Trojans from 1983-2001. But USC has dominated the Irish the last three games, winning each by 31 points.

The Trojans beat the Irish in each of the past two years thanks mainly to terrific passing performances by Carson Palmer and Leinart, who threw for 425 and 351 vards, respectively.

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